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FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

Volume 16

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, OCTOBER 5, 1952

Number 1

OUR COMPLETION BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

Our completion Building Fund Campaign program is showing steady progress. Tuesday night was the first general campaign report. The organization was encouraged when 99 signed cards were reported showing a total of \$ 48,000 against our \$100,000 goal.

The next report meeting will be Thursday night at 9:31, for all Colonels, Captains, Lieutenants and Advance Gift Committee.

The Third General report "Snack" will be Saturday night at 9:31 P.M.

VICTORY CELEBRATION AND DEDICATION OF FUNDS

The whole congregation, boys and girls, men and women, members and friends, will meet in the old church sanctuary on next Sunday night, October 5th, 8:00 o'clock. There will be cause for rejoicing. It will be a religious experience for each member of your family.

There will be only short talks by our own local people. Congregational singing will include the old hymns you love. You will see the new report put on the report board. Our Pastor and Trustees will dedicate the fund.

RECEPTION AT 9:00 P.M.

In the Church parlor will be a congregation Reception at 9:00 P.M. where light refreshments will be served to all. Bring your family and friends. A Nursery will be maintained for small children.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

October 5, Henry M. Flowers, Hugh R. Rice
 October 12, Owen Vaught, Joseph M. Fitch
 October 19, Alan C. Bell, Robert E. Clipp
 October 26, Dr. A. C. Worley, Glenn R. Miller

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

John S. Craig, Captain, K-1229; Jerry Brubaker, Harold W. Crowder, J. E. Yecker, David A. Griggs, Romane H. Cole, Wm. E. Munro, Wm. C. Robinson.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

"FINISH THE COURSE . . . KEEP THE FAITH"

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

What We Owe to Christ

Our Salvation

Jesus Christ is our only Saviour. "I am the way, the Truth and the Life, no one cometh unto the Father but by me." John 14:6 "That Christ died for our sins, according to the Scripture." I Cor. 15:3

God's unspeakable gift is that of his son Jesus Christ to be the Saviour. Christ's greatest gift is in his life and death on the cross that we may have eternal life.

Our Christian Life

"I came that they may have life and may have it abundantly." John 10:10 "These things have I spoken unto you that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be made full." John 15:11

Our Christian Fellowship

"No longer do I call you servants, but I have called you friends." John 15:14 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship." Acts 2:42

The greatest joys of earth come to those who through Christ have found Christian families and friends in the family of God.

Our Christian Assurance

"Because I live you shall live also." "I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25

How to Pay Him

Full Acceptance of Him

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, he that believeth not shall be condemned." Mark 16:16 "Except a man be born anew, he can not see the kingdom of God." John 3:3

We become disciples of Christ by yielding unto him our minds, hearts and wills.

Full Commitment to Him

Discipleship requires stewardship. Conversion is only the beginning of a life committed to the purpose of Jesus Christ. "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Matt. 16:24

Full Stewardship of Life

Jesus Christ is not only our Saviour but our Lord. Our lives, our influence, our time, talent and service are at his command. He gave his all for us. What do we give him? "Freely ye have received, freely give." This requires a full stewardship of possessions, beginning with the tithe. The early Christians and Jesus practiced tithing and Jesus never lowered a standard, but lifted it.

The Cross

Jesus bore a cross for us, and too often we only wear a cross for him. Jesus went beyond the law and the tithe in giving and living.



LORD!

“What wilt Thou
have me to do?”

Discipleship Requires Stewardship

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14 WEEKS DEVOTION Put Christ and His Church First

Sunday is the first Sunday in the 14 Weeks of Devotion

If Religion is anything, it is everything.

"Blessed are they (who?) who hear the Word of God and keep it."

"Take my love, my Lord, I lay
At Thy feet its treasured store
Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, all, for Thee."

Be in church Sunday — Be about His Table "This Do" said Jesus.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Prelude 10:25 A.M.Anthem by Choir
Layman Speaker: Gail J. RoeSoloist, Mrs. Jack Weicker
Sermon: "Don't Be Cheated"Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Fine School — Keep Our Classes Growing

C.Y.F. 6:30 P.M.

James Evans, Program LeaderLloyd Flowers, Worship Leader
Bonnie Fusselman, PresidentSylvan Young, Vice-President
David Griggs, Sponsor. Meeting will adjourn in time for Victory Celebration.

NEW BIBLE VERSION

Tuesday, September 30th was one of the greatest days since King James Version of Bible was given to the world in 1611 A.D. On September 30th the new Bible Version will be on sale for the first time in the United States and Canada. A committee of great Biblical Scholars with Luther A. Weigle as chairman, have had men working on this translation for decades. In 1945 the work on the New Testament was completed and now the whole Bible is translated into the speech of our day. This will be celebrated in Fort Wayne on World Communion Sunday, October 5th.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Friday evening, October 3. Mrs. Joseph Siples will assist the hostess.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. Neil Allen, Highland Drive, on Wednesday afternoon, October 8th, at 1:45 P.M. Transportation: Members not driving please take the South Calhoun (9) bus and get off at the end of the line. Someone will be there to pick up yu.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Mallie Reidt is a patient in room 263, Lutheran Hospital; Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Harold Beck's grandmother is a patient in Lutheran Hospital; Mr. John Juday is a patient in Methodist Hospital; Mr. Thomas Keith, father, Clinton Keith and Mrs. Wm. Robinson is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

BUILDING FUND BANKS DUE SUNDAY

Please bring in your Building Fund Banks Sunday as they are due the first Sunday of each month. Be sure to pick up a new bank. They are available at the back of the Sanctuary or at the head of the office stairs.



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Number 2

OUR CRUSADE IS NOT ENDED

Through the mail and personally have come additional pledges to the Building Fund of our great New Church Building, nearing \$80,000. Our hearts are made happy by the loyal, and many times, sacrificial giving by members of the church.

THANKS! THANKS! to all workers, leaders and members who made this achievement possible. **Your Church Salutes You.**

14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION — OCT. 1 - JAN. 1, 1953

THE BEST YEARS OF A MAN'S LIFE

Best years—between 16 and 75.

Best hours—between Sun-up and Sun-down.

Best strength—Vigor between Youth and Old Age.

Best mental effort—the choice hours after sleep.

"Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with ALL . . . thy strength." That is the first and great Commandment. Jesus left no doubt, "If religion is anything, it is everything."

Be in Church Sunday — Be about His Table — Keep This Hour with your Master.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude — 10:25 A.M.

Mr. Clyde R. Copeland, Choir Director

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Anthem, by Choir

Mrs. Alan Bell, Soloist

Sermon: "Power To See One Through"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

3435 Building Bricks were bought by the Children of Church totaling \$343.50. Others will come in.

Be in your Classes this Sunday.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Pledges from our Youth to the Building Fund of our Church totaled \$1671.25

Come to C.Y.F. this Sunday.

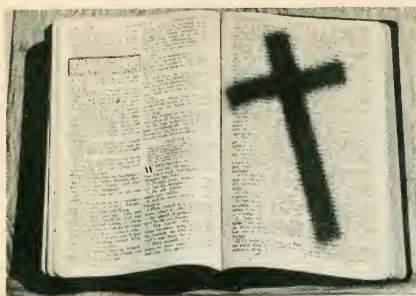
FIRST MEETING OF MEN'S FORUM THIS FALL

Sunday Evening from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Great Program with Larry Brandon, State Vice-President of Farm Bureau, former Treasurer of organization. Top-flight Speaker. Sextette (Saxophone) O. E. Ogden, directing. Jerry Brubaker, President, presiding. Singing led by James Shockney. Soloist Robert E. Cocherille, accompanied by Mrs. Cocherille.

Be Friendly — join in this fine fellowship.

We Take A New Look



The people of the United States and Canada take a new look at the Bible this year—the complete Bible in the Revised Standard Version, just come from the press. The New Testament was published in 1946.

In many lands and at various times men have translated the books of the Bible from the languages in which they were written into the speech of later times. In the wake of these translations Christianity moved across Europe and into the new world.

The Bible was first printed in English in 1526—the Tyndale translation which had to be smuggled into England. Over the years since, scholars have labored to produce better translations in English. Each new version has been written in the language of its day and has taken advantage of any discoveries of ancient and better manuscripts to bring new insight to the understanding of God's word.

Since 1930 a committee of leading scholars of America have been at work on the Revised Standard Version, as commissioned by the International Council of Religious Education. Careful research has been done. Many parts are based on the translation of recent archaeological findings, discovered less than five years ago in Bible lands. Study of these gives to the world in 1952 a copy of the Bible with greater readability, increased accuracy, and clearer meaning for Christian living.



Christians Are Concerned

Christian concern for the rights of people is greater than the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which has become a focus of attention in the United Nations.

As long ago as 1875 Disciples of Christ were concerned about the rights to educational opportunity for Negro youth, and Southern Christian Institute was established at Edwards, Mississippi. Today it enrolls from 500 to 600 each year in elementary grades, high school and two years of college. It is an accredited school, preparing students for Christian leadership in teaching, agriculture, stock raising, the Christian ministry.

Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, also offers educational advantage to Negro youth, as a four-year

accredited college, because Disciples of Christ are concerned. Founded in 1913, it enrolls almost 250 students a year. Jarvis is concerned with practical training to help people make a living, and also the training which helps make life more abundant.

A third educational institution conducted by Disciples of Christ is Hazel Green Academy at Hazel Green, Kentucky. Since 1880 it has offered its services to meet the needs of the people of the area. The annual enrolment is approximately 100 boys and girls in junior and senior high school.

These schools are not contained within their own walls. Each reaches out as an arm of the Christian Church to help people realize the rights of men as children of God.



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WITH OUR SICK

Mrs. Beck, our pastor's wife, has been quite ill the past week. She is improving as this goes to press.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Evening Guild will meet with Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, 615½ Lawton Place on Monday evening, October 13, at 8:00 P.M.

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. Don J. Eyer, R. R. 10, Decatur Rd., on Tuesday evening, October 14th. Mrs. Aden Current will assist the hostess.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Chas. Fuchshuber, 508 Lavina Ave., Monday evening, October 13, at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Hopkins will give devotions from the new Revised Bible.

BAKE SALE

The Dye Circle will have a bake sale at Wolf & Dessauer's on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

C.W.F. BAKE SALE

The Fellowship will hold a bake sale on Barr Street Market on Friday afternoon and evening, October 17th. Members of all groups are asked to contribute.

RUMMAGE SALE

The C.W.F. realized \$132.00 from the rummage sale this week. Our next sale will be held December 12th and 13th.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Dora Knife has been ill at her home, 1117 Tecumseh. Mrs. Nelle Reed is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 263. Mrs. Geo. Malcom is ill at her home, 807 Home Ave. Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mrs. Geo. King, Mr. F. Riethmiller, Mrs. Georgia Young are making slow recovery from recent illness. Mrs. Robert T. Beck is ill.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. John Juday and family in the recent loss of husband and father, Mr. John Juday. Mr. Juday was a member of First Christian for many years. We shall miss him.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hendrickson are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, born at Lutheran hospital, October 1st.

THANK YOU!

Mrs. C. F. Durfee wishes to thank her friends and members of the church, for good wishes, prayers, cards and notes. These were appreciated.

EMILY E. FLINN HARVEST INGATHERING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21st

The Annual Harvest Ingathering will be held on Tuesday, October 21st, at the Home at Marion. We are to go by Bus which leaves the Church at 12:00 Noon and will make the return trip around 4:00 P.M. Call Mrs. Dare, your Group Leader or the Church Office for Bus reservation. Fare round trip \$1\$50. **Bring your gifts of food and money for the Harvest Ingathering.** Mrs. J. R. Coar will give the devotions and Mrs. J. J. Farwell will speak on the new Revised Bible. A New Bible will be dedicated and presented to the Home during the afternoon program. The Dye Circle has charge of the refreshments for the guests in the Home.

WEDDING BELLS

Wedding Bells rang for Robert E. Eich and Kathryn Hoover on September 20, and for Gordon Sarrazin and Josephine DeRemer on September 29. Rev. R. T. Beck, pastor, united these couples in marriage.

DISTRICT CONVENTION — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WARSAW, INDIANA

Mrs. R. T. Beck and Mrs. Charles Dare are on the Program representing the Youth and Adults.

Hear Dr. Crane, N.S.H.S. Auditorium, Oct. 22. Subject "Horse Sense in Human Relations." Sponsored by Booster's Club. — Tickets \$1.00.



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FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, OCTOBER 16, 1952

Number 3

14 WEEKS OF DEVOTIONS, OCTOBER 1st — JANUARY 1st, 1953

HOW IS YOUR RECORD?

God claims our WORSHIP and our TIME

God claims our HEARTS and our SERVICE

God claims our MONEY and our STUDY.

God has entrusted us to **build His Church**. Can anything be as important as the service Christ has placed before us who are members of His Church?

Christ did not come to scale down, to make duty smaller.

In these WEEKS OF DEVOTION may the Lord's blessing rest upon us and the activities of our Church. May our love for the Church wax stronger and our zeal increase as we strive mightily to be "about our Father's business."

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude — 10:25 A.M.

Mr. Clyde R. Copeland, Choir Director

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Anthem by Choir

Mrs. L. A. Horn, Soloist

Sermon: "Today and Tomorrow"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Be in your Classes this Sunday.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

THANK YOU!

Mrs. Beck, our pastor's wife, wishes to thank those who remembered her during her illness and to express her appreciation for the many cards, notes, and other kindnesses that came from her many friends in the church.

ANNUAL HARVEST INGATHERING

EMILY E. FLINN HOME, MARION, INDIANA

Tuesday, October 21, is the day we go to Marion for our annual visit and ingathering. The bus leaves the church at 12 o'clock noon. Fare Round trip \$1.50. Please call in your reservation. Mrs. J. J. Farwell will bring a message based on



An old man of the Philippine Islands with his son, who has completed high school at Abra Mountain High School of the Disciples Mission, and who is now ready to help his own people.

The Time Is Now

Missionaries of Disciples of Christ are at work in eleven fields — more than 200 of them. Serving with them are 2,390 national teachers, evangelists, doctors, nurses. Now is the time to reach the thousands who seek a better way of life. More than 27,000,000 live in the areas of our missions and offer a challenge to the older churches.



Building For The Future

Student Christian work—for young people from Disciple churches in college and university—is a major feature of religious education in our day. Never before have so many of our youth been able to attend college; never has the need for continuing Christian training been so apparent.

More than one hundred Disciple Student Fellowship groups have been organized to carry through on training begun in Youth Fellowships in the home churches. Reports from 50 of these show the following evidence of work for 1951-52:

DSF members in 50 groups..	3,586
Church student membership	2,199
Additions, 1951-52:	
By baptism	64
Otherwise	1,023
Church School enrollment..	1,174
Students attending conferences:	
State and national	406
Local retreats	762
Amount given by students for local expenses	\$17,024.08

Amount given by students

for others 3,347.80

Recognizing the vital importance of student work to our churches, the United Society gives aid in every way possible. A national director, Mr. Parker Rossman, offers council and guidance for student workers, pastors of local churches in college centers, and for students groups; a mimeographed bulletin is distributed to all groups, with suggestions for service, news, and announcements of student activities; and small financial grants are made, as budget allows, to aid in support of leaders and program.

At the beginning of the 1952-53 year, assistance was approved for student work in 49 college and university centers which minister to thousands of youth.



The Cover Picture—A river scene in Congo. Photo by Lennart Nilsson from Black Star.

***O Zion Haste, Thy
Mission High
Fulfilling***



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BOOSTERS CLUB

First Christian Boosters Club is sponsoring a lecture given by Dr. George W. Crane, PhD., M.D., at North Side High School, Wednesday evening, October 22nd. Dr. Crane's topic is: "Horse Sense and Human Relations." Tickets are available at Wolf & Dessauer's Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 16, 17, 18. Admission \$1.00. John Merrill, Jack Weicker, Herbert Banet are co-chairmen of the Club.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Grace Jones is a patient in room 302, Methodist Hospital. She has been ill for several weeks.

Mrs. Glenn Miller has been ill at her home.

Mrs. Paul Clendenen is confined to her home with a bad case of shingles.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our Church has suffered a great loss in the recent death of Joseph M. Fitch, last Tuesday morning. Mr. Fitch's influence in the church was expressed by his deep spiritual devotion and loyalty to his church. He was an Elder in the Church and has served as an officer and leader for many years. His life was one of service to his Lord. He shall be missed. Our deepest sympathy goes to his dear wife, his daughter, Miss Anita Fitch and son, Reev. Joseph B. Fitch and family.

"We have heard a lot in this generation about the mere relativity of good and evil. It's like the Jews wearing their hats in synagogues and Christians doffing their hats in church, some say, a mere matter of convention. What's wrong in one place is right in another; there are no inviolable standards. Look at what is going on now! Debauching children by selling them marijuana and heroin—is not that absolutely wrong? Accepting public office and using it for private gain—is not that absolutely wrong? Vowing loyalty to your nation and then betraying her to hostile power—is not that absolutely wrong? One major service our moral slump could render us—showing up the falsity of our loose talk about ethical relativity, and confronting us with the inexorable fact that some conduct, always and everywhere, is indubitably honorable, and some indubitably bad." —Harry E. Fosdick

Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another. —Copied

Worry is a thin stream of fear trickling through the mind. If encouraged, it cuts a channel into which all other thoughts are drained. —Arthur S. Roche

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14 WEEKS OF DEVOTIONS, OCTOBER 1st — JANUARY 1st, 1953

WHEN WE BECOME CHRISTIANS

We have obligations which Jesus would have all of us to carry through. We are Stewards. Our talents, our strength, our personalities, our time and our money, we have. Where will we deliver these valuable gifts? That depends on our love. "Where a man's treasure is, there will his heart be also."

Because of his love for Christ and His Church and for the souls for whom Christ lived and died, **A Christian** will bring to his church his treasured store.

It is L-O-V-E that constrains us to bring our time, talents, influence, personality and our money into the service of the Lord of Lords.

At His Table, each Sunday we praise His Name, receive His blessing and guidance.

We appreciate the Loyalty of First Christian people—as we put Christ first our spiritual lives are deepened and enriched.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude — 10:25 A.M.

Mr. Clyde R. Copeland, Choir Director

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Anthem by Choir

Sermon: "This Is It"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Be in your Classes this Sunday

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Party Sunday Evening

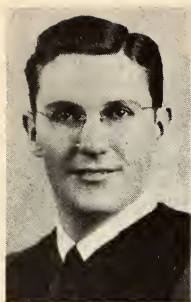
NOTES ON THE CHURCH

Tile is being laid now in the Church. The Nave windows are being installed this week.

Volunteers from the church will apply the paint on the walls of the Class rooms, down stairs and the fellowship hall.

Our dedication program booklet will have to go to press by the last of this month. It is hoped that all the memorials may be listed. If you have not chosen a memorial and desire to do so; please make arrangements for your memorial at once while they last.

United Society Business



Lewis H. McAdow

The United Society is the business of the churches from coast to coast, and in many lands.

While its *members*, according to the Code of Regulations, are its incorporators, officers and past officers, executive staff, and members of the Board of Trustees and Board of Managers, the Regulations also provide for those known as *unregistered members*. These are all persons in good standing in one of the churches of the brotherhood, who are committed to the purposes of the Society and who support its work.

The business of the United Society was conducted in various sessions in connection with the International Convention in Chicago in May.

Prior to the opening of the Convention was the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees—made up of the president and vice-president of the Society with ten men and ten women from the Board of Managers. The latter

board met in annual sessions on May 17 and 18, to review reports for the year and to hear plans for continuing and enlarging the service in missions and Christian education.

On Tuesday afternoon, during the Convention, forty-five minutes were given over to the business session of the United Society. The report of the previous year was approved. Forty members were elected to the Board of Managers. (By the constitution the terms of one-third of the members expire each year.) The new nominating committee for 1952-53 was elected. This committee is composed of ten men and ten women, none of whom are from the staff of the Society, nor can they be on the Board of Managers or of the employed staff of any national or state board of Disciples of Christ.

Any member or nonregistered member has the right to vote in the business meeting of the Society which is held annually, usually in connection with the International Convention.

Lewis H. McAdow, pastor of University Park Christian Church, Indianapolis, was chairman of the Board of Managers for 1951-52.



Opportunity In Argentina

As part of his required year of practical work in Union Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Angel Peiro was given responsibility for the church at Barranqueras, near Resistencia.

Here the student found a most depressing situation. The property had been neglected and Protestants were not welcomed in the neighborhood.

Mr. Peiro began by securing a caretaker to live on the premises and help

with cleaning up and repair work. Soon they had a presentable building and grounds with growing flowers, "worthy of the house of God."

A cross on the building proclaimed their faith. The community became friendly. Weekly visitation drew new children into the Sunday school.

The year 1951 showed an increase in attendance, offerings and interest, indicating a fertile field for evangelism in Barranqueras.



**○ Lord and Master of us all
Whate'er our name or sign,
We own Thy sway, we hear Thy call,
We test our lives by Thine.**

—John Greenleaf Whittier

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP — EXECUTIVE MEETING

Will be held at the Church Wednesday afternoon, October 29, at 2:30 P.M. Officers, Group Leaders, chairmen of Standing Committees are urged to be present. There are several important matters of business to be considered.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Florence Munro, who was a patient in the hospital, is now making recovery at the home of her daughter, 2018 Pontiac Blvd.

BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES

These envelopes have been ordered and will be ready around the middle of November. Until the regular building fund envelopes are here and distributed to you, **please mark the envelope you use for your building fund clearly** so no mistake will be made in posting your account. It is IMPORTANT that building pledge payments be distinguishable from regular church pledge payments.

NOTES

Mrs. Sherwood Eddy, world traveler and formerly General Secretary of the National YWCA of Canada, will speak at the World Fellowship Dinner at the YWCA on Tuesday evening, October 28, at 6:15 P.M. Her topic will be, "Hope on the World's Horizon."

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY — NOVEMBER 7, 1952 GIVE PACKETS FOR PEACE AND YOUR OFFERING.

The Fort Wayne Council of Church Women will hold service for World Community Day on November 7, at the Plymouth Congregational Church at 2:30 P.M. Rev. George Wood, Pastor, Trinity Episcopal Church is the speaker. "Packets for Peace" should include: Receiving blanket, kimonos, gowns, diapers, baby shirts, socks, rubber sheeting for crib, bath towels, face cloths, face towels, and mattress sheet. Christian Women's Fellowship Circles of First Christian are asked to start collecting for PACKETS FOR PEACE now.

Reformation Services Sunday Evening, October 26th, 7:30 p.m. At English Lutheran Church

FOR THE DISCOURAGED

I believe that God created me to be happy, to enjoy the blessings of life, to be useful to my fellow beings, and an honor to my country. I believe that the trials which beset me today are but the fiery tests by which my character is strengthened, ennobled and made worthy to enjoy the higher things of life which I believe are in store for me.

I believe that my soul is too grand to be crushed by defeat; I will rise above it.

I believe that I am the architect of my own fate; therefore, I will be the master of circumstances and surroundings, not their slave. My failures of today will help to guide me on to victory on the morrow.

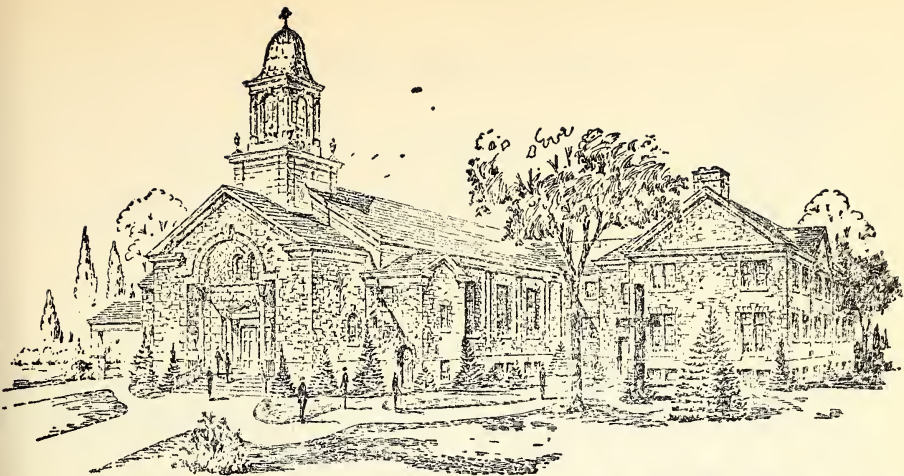
I will not yield to discouragements, I will trample them under foot and make them serve as stepping-stones to success. I will conquer my obstacles and turn them into opportunities.

The morrow will bring new strength, new hopes, new opportunities and new beginning. I will be ready to meet it with a brave heart, a calm mind and an undaunted spirit. In all things I will do my best, and leave the rest to the infinite.

I will not waste my mental energies by useless worry. I will learn to dominate my restless thoughts and look on the bright side of things.

I will face the world bravely, I will not be a coward. I will assert my God-given birthright and be a man. For I am immortal and nothing can overcome me.

—V. O. Myers



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14 WEEKS OF DEVOTIONS, OCTOBER 1st — JANUARY 1st, 1953

CHECK YOUR PROGRAM

- ☐ 1. Put Christ, His Church — worship and teaching and services first on your schedule.
- ☐ 2. Enrich your Devotion — by reading the Bible and devotional literature; By observing regular periods of prayer.
- ☐ 3. Support your Church liberally. If at all possible tithe, if you are not, do so for 14 weeks.
- ☐ 4. Become interested as a Christian in others. Invite them to come to Church. Inform yourself and others as to what the Church is doing.
- ☐ 5. Know about and visit the new Church building and its plan.
- ☐ 6. Accept Christ's invitation and be at His Table each Sunday.

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Anthem by Choir

Sermon: "Out of This World"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Be in your Classes this Sunday

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Young people will meet at the Church at 2 P.M. to go to District Young People's (C.Y.F.) Conference at Auburn, Indiana. Interest Groups. Inspiration, fellowship, recreation and supper. Get int touch with Miss Bonnie Fusselman or Church office for transportation.

NOTES ON NEW CHURCH

Program for Dedication will be in **TIDINGS** next week.

Everyone is having high praise for the beautiful art windows. The lights are to be on the tower this Thursday evening.

The Church furniture people are planning to be here to install pews the last of next week.

CHOIR REHEARSAL THURSDAY EVENING — 7:30

Come! Lend your voices in singing praises to God in the Sanctuary.

Band rehearsal Monday, 8:00 p.m.



A Prayer For Freedom

O God, beneath Thy guiding hand
Our exiled fathers crossed the sea;
And when they trod the wintry strand,
With prayer and psalm they worshipped
Thee.

—Leonard Bacon (1802-1881)

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Eternal God, through Thy divine guidance, that our leaders, that we, that those who now achieve the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, and that all the people of this land may have

grace to foster the sacred ideals of freedom and justice and the brotherhood of man, and to maintain these treasured liberties in righteousness and peace, forever. Amen.



1951 At Colegio Ward

The 38th year for Ward College in Buenos Aires, Argentina, came to a close in November 1951. A total of 1218 boys and girls enjoyed the advantages of education in a Protestant atmosphere, with 418 in the Belgrano (English-speaking) and 800 in the Ramos Mejia (Spanish-speaking) divisions.

The new gymnasium-auditorium at

Colegio Ward students in the school's gymnasium-auditorium.



Ramos Mejia proved of great value not only in the school program but for special functions, such as the Third Latin-American Congress with delegates from 17 countries, and four summer conferences organized by the Confederation of Evangelical Churches.

Another summer project (January 2-March 15) was the Vacation Home for thirty boys who lived in a camp atmosphere without leaving the city.

In the primary department at Ramos Mejia, teaching of religion is made obligatory by the provincial government but the teaching is done by our own evangelical teachers. They have been especially commended by the inspector for the practical application of the life and teachings of Jesus.

Sunday morning services for boarders continued throughout the year with three age groups meeting simultaneously in their worship rooms.

A psychiatrist was added to the staff for assistance in organizing the student guidance and counseling.

Thirty-one graduates received diplomas. Offers of employment came from banks, airlines, etc., and many of the former students are to be found in many businesses and industries across the country.

MY CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP RESPONSIBILITY



*Department of
Social Welfare*

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ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

November 2, John Z. Berlien, Owen O. Vaught; **November 9**, Cecil Rice Chas. E. Fuchshuber; **November 16**, Glenn R. Miller, Henry M. Flowers; **November 23**, Wm. H. Crouse, Alan C. Bell; **November 30**, Robert E. Clipp, Dr. A. C. Worley.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

R. K. Schrecongost, Captain, H-0493 Marvin L. Crouse, Donald E. Coffman, Dale C. Hiler, Eppie R. Baker, Jesse W. Haffner, Cecil A. Kinzie, Earl T. Fusselman.
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THE FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 S. Webster St. on Friday evening, November 7th.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. J. C. Koegel, 1222 W. Jefferson on Wednesday, November 5th at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. Koegel will present the program and Mrs. Rose will give devotions. Donations of dish towels will be received at this meeting.

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. C. A. Kinzie, 1721 Meridian on Wednesday, November 5th, at 1:30 P.M.

WORLD CALL

Mrs. Irene Cline, H-65781, is our World Call Secretary. Please call her before your subscription expires or when you wish to subscribe to this very worth while church magazine.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Mrs. J. M. Fitch, Miss Anita Fitch, and The Rev. Joseph B. Fitch and family, wish to take this opportunity to thank their many friends for the comforting words, kindnesses, and expressions of sympathy which they have received during their recent bereavement.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Charles Allen is a patient in Methodist Hospital.

Mr. E. R. Baker suffered a fall and is in the St. Joseph Hospital.

BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES

Until the regular Building Fund envelopes are here for distribution, please mark the envelope you use for your Building Fund payment clearly, so no mistake will be made in posting your accounts. Regular payment of pledges will be appreciated at this time. If you have not made your pledge please do so.

NOTES

Mrs. Gail Roe is a fortunate person. Her family proves that when she received 100 tokens from Transportation Co. She gave them to our visitor Mrs. Cline. So the church is lucky, too.

BE SURE YOU VOTE TUESDAY, NOV. 4

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Scottish Rite Choir

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8:00 P.M. Greetings from Community Organizations
South Side School Choir — directed by
Professor Lester A. Hostettler

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

What You Owe Your Church

Your church blesses childhood in the finest Christian nurture in the home and in the church.

Your church guides and inspires youth in making most important decisions.

Your church sanctifies marriage and Christian home life.

Your church seeks earnestly to lead people to accept and follow Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Your church makes possible inspiring services of worship of God in the beauty of holiness.

Your church fosters a fellowship of Christians with its joy and inspiration to wholesome living.

Your church helps make the community, the nation and the world a desirable place for living for all people.

Your church challenges you to serve your fellowman, to invest your life for good.

Your church helps you in your troubles, comforts you in your sorrows and gives full assurance of the future life.

Your church has brought to you, to your family and to millions of others the richest blessings of salvation, character, fellowship and service.

"Christ loved the church and

gave himself up for it." Ephesians 5:25

Many others have loved and given themselves to make your church possible.

How to Pay Your Debt to Your Church

By Christian stewardship of life.

You are more important than anything else you may offer to your church. Your life, your loyalty and your influence advance the church.

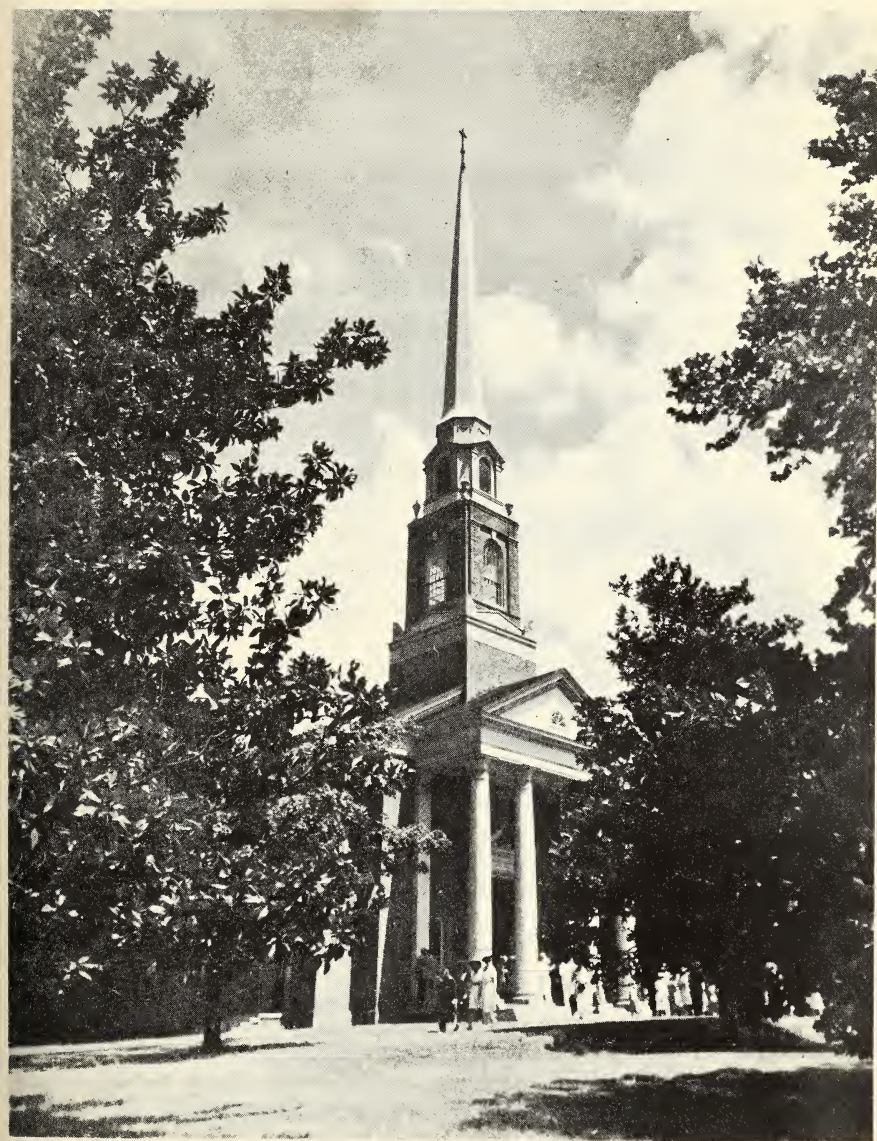
You can teach a class in the Sunday church school or serve on a church committee. You can share your musical talent by singing in the choir. You can visit new church members and make friendly calls on those who are sick.

Your time and talents are needed in the church's program of worship, evangelism, education and service.

Your church requires Christian stewardship of your possessions. With inadequate support the church is handicapped in its service.

Your gifts to the church will help your church serve your community. Your gifts will help to send the gospel of Christ to all the world.

With your tithes and offerings your church may increase its blessings to you and to all peoples.



Christ's Church Calls You

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Discussion and plans given for meeting in new building — Last time in old Church.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

MEN'S FORUM — SUNDAY EVENING 5 to 7 P.M.

Unusual Meeting—Call for all men—Heads of Committees,
Chairmen of Boards to be present to make final arrangements
toward moving into new building.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. Glenn Miller, 1024 Farwood, Wednesday, November 12, at 1:45 P.M. Those needing transportation be at the end of the Calhoun Street bus line, (No. 9), at 1:30.

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Lillian Gagnon, 328 W. Berry St., on Monday evening, November 10, at 6:30 P.M.

The Huber Circle will meet with Mrs. C. R. McMaken, 3022 South Wayne Ave., Thursday, November 13, at 2:00 P.M.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Charles F. Allen, Mrs. J. C. Varner and family, in the recent death of wife and sister. Mrs. Helen Allen, passed away on Tuesday following a long illness.

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Mrs. Ray Woodhull and Herman W. Sigrist will speak on past history of the Church.

Mrs. L. A. Horn will sing for the Reception.

A Birthday Anniversary Cake will be cut.

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

What We Owe to Others

"What hast thou that thou didst not receive, but if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou didst not receive it?" I Cor. 4:7

"You are not your own, you were brought with a price." I Cor. 6:20

"I am debtor, both to the Greeks and to the barbarians, both to the wise and the foolish." Rom. 1:14

God is the giver of all things, but he sends many blessings through people. Our lives, our opportunities and most of our richest blessings come from others.

WE OWE A GREAT DEBT

- To our parents for life, love, growth, training, guidance and inspiration.

- To our friends for joy and help.

- To our government for protection, freedom and opportunity.

- To our society for all material needs, comforts and conveniences; for social privileges and blessings.

- To our Christian associations with their high moral standards, Christian ideals and the privilege of worshipping, learning and serving.

"Freely you have received, freely give."

How to Pay Others

"Whoever would be first among you shall be servant of all, for the Son of a man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many." Mark 10:44

We pay our debts to the family, to the government and to society by living, sharing and serving as responsible members of our group.

What do we owe to the needy? Jesus gave greatest concern and attention to them. Is it no concern of ours when over one-half of the human race is hungry, ignorant and helpless? Do we care when millions are without God, without Christ and without hope. Do we care when these millions are ready preys to any "ism" that offers them help?

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP IS THE ANSWER.

Christians have the strength, the talents and the resources to meet the world's needs.

Stewardship will offer resources . . .

- To minister to the needy.

- To give opportunity to the neglected.

- To share our Christ with all people.

The Jew gave the tithe as required. Christ gave his all. How much do *we* give?



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THURSDAY, November 20

8:00 P.M. Greetings from Community Organizations

Rev. Robert Roschy, Fort Wayne, Associated Churches.

Hon. Harry W. Baals, Mayor, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Earl Ward, Executive Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Ben. F. Geyer, City Schools.

Mr. Samuel Geake, Masonic Orders.

Responses by William H. Crouse, Chairman, Official Board,

Hon. Alexander M. Campbell, Trustee.

South Side Choir—directed by Professor Lester A. Hostettler.

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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "The House of God"

The Sunday Morning services will begin at 9:15 at the old church on Jefferson Street. Following a short prayer service we will proceed to the new Church under police escort. Members will find parking space at Rogers Market and in back of the Church. Make your plans for transportation to new Church in advance of the service.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Circles Serving Dedication Week

Reception Sunday, Nov. 16th—The Evening Guild and the Montgomery Circle.

Monday Evening, Reception—The Higdon Circle and the Esther Circle.

Tuesday Evening, Reception—Mrs. Irene Cline, Chrmn. Mrs. John Craig, Mrs. Eural Rose and Mrs. Dale Parkerson, representing the Church School.

Wednesday Evening, Birthday Anniversary—The Kepple Circle and the McGavran Circle.

Thursday Evening—The Dr. Royal J. Dye Circle and the Dr. Allen Huber Circle.

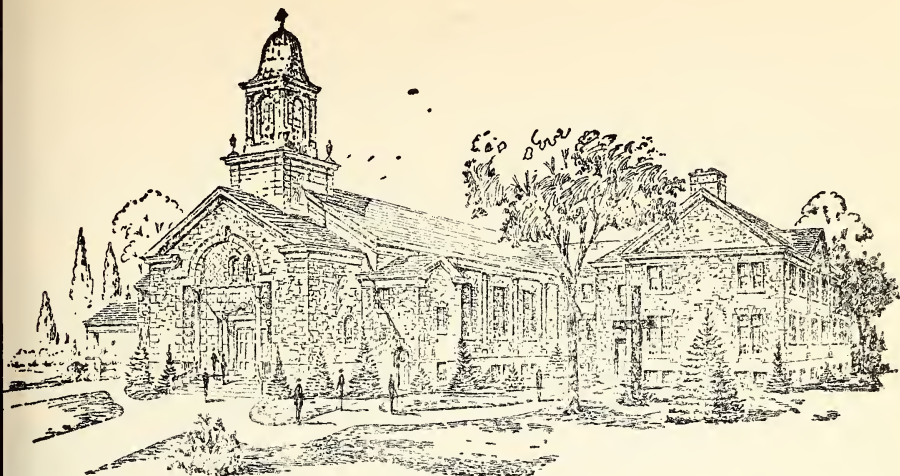
Three women from each Circle will assist at the Basket dinner at 1:00 P.M. Sunday, Nov. 16. Coffee and cream will be furnished. **Please bring your table service.**

The members of the Christian Women's Fellowship have been invited to attend the meeting of the West Creighton C.W.F. on Wednesday afternoon, 1:30, Nov. 19 at the West Creighton Christian Church. Mrs. H. B. Marx is guest speaker.

First Christian C.W.F. meeting is postponed for one week. We will meet on Tuesday, November 25th.

NOTES

Many of our members have left plates, pie pans, etc., in the church kitchen. These may be found in the old dining room.



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WHEN WE BECOME CHRISTIANS

We have obligations which Jesus would have all of us carry through. We are Stewards. Our talents, our strength, our personalities, our time and our money, we have. Where will we deliver these valuable gifts? That depends on our love. "Where a man's treasure is, there will his heart be also."

Because of his **love for Christ** and **His Church** and for the souls for whom Christ lived and died, **A Christian** will bring to his church his treasured store.

It is L-O-V-E that constrains us to bring our time, talents, influence, personality and our money into the service of the Lord of Lords.

At His Table, each Sunday, we praise His Name, receive His blessing and guidance.

We appreciate the Loyalty of First Christian people—as we put Christ first our spiritual lives are deepened and enriched.

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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

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TONS OF GIFTS

A steady stream of gifts of clothing and food packages, (besides contributions of money) has gone out to the needy peoples of the world from the women of the Christian Churches of America, channeled through the department of social welfare of the United Society.

In addition to a large number of materials sent to home missions institutions in the United States, Mrs. Ruth Milner, director of this work, has submitted the following statistics concerning gifts to foreign fields since February of this year.

To the Philippines went 2000 pounds of clothing, sewing materials, layettes, school supplies and simple medical remedies.

3000 pounds of hospital gowns, leper shirts, bandages, etc., were sent to India under the Indo-American Agreement.

Many items were hastily gathered together to aid the hurricane victims of Jamaica last August, and this year 500 pounds were dispatched to the island. Those going to Puerto Rico amounted to 200 pounds.

By International Parcels Post 250 pounds of layettes were mailed to Europe and 100 pounds to Africa.

For Japan there are 1000 pounds already packed to go out with returning missionaries.

To determine if gifts to Paraguay would be acceptable and if the duty levied would make it practical, a trial parcel post package of 45 pounds in baby items was put in the mail recently.

THE CHURCHES ARE AT WORK

Results of evangelism in the churches of the Disciple Mission in Argentina are shown in 28 baptisms for last year.

Twenty-three were baptized in the four churches of Buenos Aires, which have been busy with building and improvement programs, as well as sending workers into industrial and suburban areas to hold services.

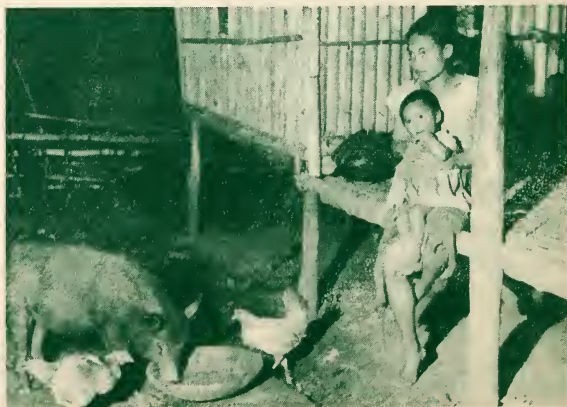
A new congregation was organized at Tablada recently, and a new preaching point opened at Saenz Pena. The Villa Mitre Church pioneered in both these areas.

The Saavedra congregation held its first services in its new building last year. The Belgrano Church, oldest of our churches in Buenos Aires, constructed a new baptistry and electrified its organ.

In Resistencia, five hundred miles north of Buenos Aires, the church reported 5 baptisms. Their building program was completed early in 1952—the first Protestant church in the city.

People of Mountain Province in the Philippines have received gladly gifts of clothing and medicine, distributed by our missionaries.

Photo from Black Star





*This is a piece too fair
To be the child of Chance, and not of Care.
No atoms casually together hurl'd
Could e'er produce so beautiful a world.*

John Dryden (1631-1700)

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WORK OF MEN AND WOMEN

Special thanks are due our men and women who gave of time and talent to make our week of Dedication the perfect week it was. To the Choir members and the soloists for their beautiful music. To the Friendship Committee, Commission of Fellowship, Deacons and Deaconesses and Elders and, Ushers who greeted our guests and made them welcome. To Mrs. Charles Dare, President of Christian Women's Fellowship and her committees on Fellowship who were in charge of arrangements for the dinner and serving of teas.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new members who have come into our fellowship recently. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Greene, Mrs. E. A. Koomler, Mrs. Hilda Geyer Brown, Mrs. Esther Gibson, Mr. W. Ward Bundy and Miss Marvel Ruth.

WEDDINGS

See the minister as soon as possible for arrangements of date. Weddings can not interfere with Church Service. Sunday weddings are not possible because of Church program. The Sanctuary is free for use of weddings. We are glad to announce the church parlor is available for receptions following weddings, if proper reservations are made. A nominal fee is charged to cover cost of upkeep, light, heat, etc.

MEMORIALS (A correction)

The Fireplace in the church parlor, presented by Alan Sigrist is dedicated to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Sigrist.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Women's Fellowship meeting will be held on Tuesday afternoon, 2 p.m. November 25th. Mrs. Hugh Rice will give the devotions. Mrs. Clyde Brown, soloist, will bring special music, accompanied by Mrs. Harry Meyer. Miss Benette Sites, retired teacher, North Side High School, will speak on "The New Japan." The McGavran Circle is in charge of hospitality.

S.O.S. NURSERY

A call goes out to families in the church for baby cribs, hi-chairs, toys, etc., which are no longer needed but which can be used in the Church Nursery. Should you have any of these articles, please call Mrse. John Craig, K-1229, or bring them to the church.



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KEEP FAITH WITH YOUR CHURCH

Our institutions, Our Country are founded upon the faith that sustains our churches—faith in God. In this faith our liberties are secure. We must partake of the passionate and sincere faith of our ancestors. They wrote into the motto of our country, "In God We Trust."

Make your faith an active part of your personal life. **This Sunday**—Attend your Church: There with Christian people, with your fellow Americans, seek the strength and confidence that only faith in the eternal values can give us. Support your Church—find a way to give it more of your time, your strength.

America needs such faith today—It alone can save and sustain our Country.

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A good attendance last Sunday. Many visitors. Let each Class plan to receive guests and visitors. **SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING SUNDAY.**

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Never did our Youth have such fine facilities. Let all our youth rally to a fine Youth Program.

AFTER SERVICE COFFEE PERIOD

Around 75 guests and friends came for refreshments after services last Sunday morning. This Sunday the Friendly Class of the Church School will be in charge. Invite the guests you bring, that they may meet our people during this friendly period.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center, Los Angeles, served a total of 10,150 persons during last year. It is one of six institutions conducted by the United Society through the department of home missions.

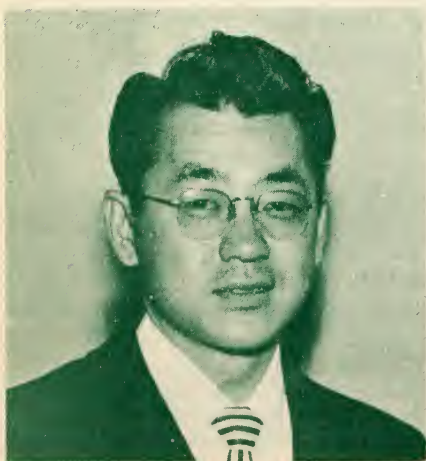
An intensive lay visitation evangelism program added 52 members to the church, bringing the membership to 187.

The Community Center served 508 persons in clubs and classes and on the playground. The nursery-kindergarten enrolled from 45 to 50. It is open throughout the year for children of the community who need care while their mothers work.

Leadership for groups and activities is recruited from the young people and adults who participate in the program. Camps, vacation school and conferences provide in-service training.

The realization that members of all ethnic groups are one in the family of God is the motivation for all activities in this institution. Dan B. Genung is director and pastor of the church. Kay Kokubun is youth pastor.

Kay Kokubun



A GOOD WORK GROWS

Little by little, progress is being made toward lowering the high infant mortality rate in the Jerez Valley of the state of Zacatecas in Mexico.

Miss Florine Cantrell, missionary of Disciples of Christ, pioneered in setting up a maternity center in Los Haro, a rural village in 1935. From this point it has been possible to extend service to some eighteen or twenty nearby villages.

Miss Cantrell explains that she is always challenged by the large number of new lives which need basic maternity care annually. For some years she had the capable cooperation of a native nurse, Srta. Juarez, a graduate nurse. When Hermelinda, a new student, came for training Srta. Juarez opened a second maternity center at La Ermita.

Hermelinda received her training as a practical nurse and midwife, and early this year returned to her native Guaname, where she is establishing a work.

The latest trainee, Paula, from the village of San Antonio, Zacatecas, is hopefully anticipating the opening of a center in her home village in September.

An extra dividend is being achieved in the training of these young women for maternity care. As they set an example of unselfish service, they also become a Christian witness in each community. Who can measure how far their influence may reach?

Miss Pearl Gibbons, right, administrator of Hope Hospital, Aguascalientes, Mexico, and her assistant visit with a patient.

Photo by Victor De Palma from Black Star



*A Ministry of Love
At Hope Hospital*



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COMPLIMENTS

To the choir director, organist, the soloists and choir for their fine music during Dedication week. To our Band and director. To the men and women who rolled up their sleeves and worked. To those who furnished and served refreshments for our reception. To our greeters, and especially Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Deaconesses. To Sunday School officers and teachers, to everyone who has filled the first days of our new church home with lasting and pleasant memories, a most sincere thanks. God bless you, each and all.

WE THANK GOD

Our Church is fulfilling the highest dream. There is an atmosphere of worship and the warm atmosphere of friendliness. The functional arrangements are unusual and effective. Due to the fine offices of Henry Flowers, this has been given fine publicity through our papers. Our circle of friends and Christian influence is already greatly enlarged.

TRAGEDY FELT BY ALL

In the sudden death, of the wife, son and daughter of our fine deacon, Hugh Tracey, the Church also suffers the sorrow and loss of Mr. Tracey and Mrs. Tracey's family. This was a Christian home of unusual devotion and affection. May God's comfort be real and abiding.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Fay Miller, 3613 E. Pontiac St. on Friday evening, December 5th, at 8 p.m. A 25 cent Christmas Gift exchange

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Robert E. Working, 342 Dalgren, Wednesday afternoon, December 3, at 1:30 P.M.

The Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Charles Dare, 4534 Wilmette, on Wednesday afternoon, December 3rd, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. E. G. Rose will present the program.

BAND PRACTICE MONDAY NIGHT — 7:30 P.M. O. E. OGDEN DIRECTING
CHOIR REHEARSAL THURSDAY NIGHT 7:30 P.M. CLYDE COPELAND, DIRECTING
ANNUAL CAFETERIA SUPPER AND BAZAAR — DECEMBER 4

The Annual Bazaar and supper will be held on Thursday evening, December 4th. Bazaar opens at 3 P.M. Supper will be served from 5 to 7, cafeteria style. Tickets are in the hands of Group leaders and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau. The Food committee have planned a fine menu. A RIGHT PRICED meal for all members of the family. Donations of food such as potatoes, canned tomatoes, jellies, etc. are solicited. These items must be at the new church not later than Sunday, November 30, and should be left in the church kitchen. The group will be solicited for pies and cakes through Group leaders. Many attractive booths are being planned to display a large assortment of lovely items which may be used for Christmas gifts, as well as candies, baked goods and pantry items.

Tickets come in ten cent denomination, in blocks of ten, but buy as many as you wish.

PIANOS

There is need for a few more pianos in the Educational Department. Anyone who will donate one call the Church Office.

NOTES

Word comes that Mrs. R. K. Schrecongost has recently undergone surgery. She will be at home, South State Road, Galion, Ohio, after Wednesday of this week.

The Christian Women's Fellowship will hold a Rummage Sale on December 12 and 13th on South Calhoun St. You may bring your rummage to the room the evening of the 11th or to the church before that date. We urge the entire membership to cooperate with us to make this a successful project.

BRING IN YOUR THANKSGIVING OFFERING FOR YOUR CHURCH'S PROGRAM NEXT SUNDAY.



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"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

Volume 16 FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, DECEMBER 4, 1952 Number 10

14 WEEKS OF DEVOTIONS, OCTOBER 1st — JANUARY 1st, 1953

4 MORE SUNDAYS

AS WE ENTER INTO THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

WOMAN'S DAY

Sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude — 10:25 A.M.

Choir Director: Mr. Clyde R. Copeland

Organist: Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott

Anthem by Choir

Soloist: Mrs. L. H. Horn

"How the World Becomes Christian"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Our Church School is growing — Invite your friends.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, DECEMBER 15th — 7:00 P.M.

"The Allen's Celebrate Christmas"

Directed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Cocherille, assisted by superintendents of Departments. This will be the first time we use our new stage. Band, directed by O. E. Ogden, will also furnish music. Treat for children planned by the Superintendents of the Church School. This is a family program.



Christian mothers of India seek the best for their children.

India Women Up-To-Date

A Women's Conference conducted by our India Mission this year was the first of its kind. Women from twelve nearby villages gathered in Mungeli where they were entertained by the women of the Mungeli Christian Church. There was fine fellowship among old friends and new. Attendance was 30 for the first days of the conference and 60 on the last day.

Mrs. P. D. Sukhnandan was the conference leader. Several of our missionaries had part in the program: Miss Edith Clare Walden was very popular with the women; Mrs. Miriam Terry had a class on Child Care, and Miss Leta May Brown on Stewardship in the Christian Home; Mrs. H. P. Gamboe brought samples of work done by the Sunday school children of the Bilaspur Church.

Miss Brown also wrote and planned the consecration service.

Mrs. Phillips of Women's Christian College, Madras, now working with

the Department of Health and Nutrition, aroused new interest in planning the family diet. Classes on youth and the Christian home by Mrs. Gurgachen Singh of Raipur and Mrs. Sukhnandan brought out interesting discussions on problems facing parents in the new and changing India.

Christian women have similar interests the world over.



New Youth Worker

Mr. James L. Ballinger has been elected associate national director of youth work in the department of religious education of the United Society. He succeeds Miss Mildred Jarvis who resigned to be married.

Mr. Ballinger comes to the national work after two years as director of religious education in the Rocky Mountain Area which includes Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming.

We are all blind, until we see

That in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making if
It does not make the man.

Why build these cities glorious
If man unbuilted goes?
In vain we build the work, unless
The builder also grows.

Edwin Markham

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ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

December 7: Glenn R. Miller, Henry M. Flowers; **December 14:** Alan C. Bell, John Z. Berlien; **December 21:** Hugh D. Rice, Cecil Rice; **December 28:** C. E. Fuchshuber, Owen O. Vaught.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Eural G. Rose, Captain, H-4994; W. H. Imbody, J. E. Tracey, Geo. R. Bruckman, Fred H. Wilson, Paul A. Strawser, H. K. Pritchard, J. Hugh Tracey. If unable to serve, please call your Captain.

OFFICIAL BOARD

December meeting, Tuesday evening, December 9 at 8 o'clock.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Montgomery Circle will meet with Miss M. E. Shockney, 4840 So. Hanna St., on Tuesday, December 9th. Mrs. C. Hendrickson is hostess, Mrs. J. L. Brubaker will give Devotions. Miss Irene Roberts, is guest speaker. Her topic: "Christ, Candles and Carols." The group members are reminded to bring their Christmas offering for the Church Parlor gift.

The **Dr. Dye Circle** meeting has been postponed to next Tuesday afternoon, December 9th, 1:45 P.M., Mrs. Charles Dare, hostess.

The **McGavran Circle** will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington Ct. for a Pot-luck dinner at 12 o'clock Noon on Wednesday, December 10.

The **Allen Huber Circle** will meet with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 S. Webster St., on Thursday, December 13 at 2 P.M. The group will enjoy a 25 cent Christmas gift exchange.

The **Evening Guild** will meet at the Hobby House on E. Wayne St., for a dinner Monday, December 8, at 6:30 P.M.

The **Esther Circle** will meet with Mrs. Ethel Allen, 1320 Jackson St. on Monday, December 8, for a carry-in-dinner at 6:30 P.M. There will be a Christmas program and a gift exchange.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Church is extended to Mrs. Walter Smith who lost her husband by death this week. They were faithful members of the church. Both of these joined the church and were baptized the same day.

The sympathy of the church is extended to Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Parish and family in the tragic death of her father, Mr. Ford, who had been a member of the church for many years.

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CHRIST CHILD FESTIVAL

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

December 4, 5, 6 from 6:00 to 10:00 P.M.

Our church will have a display at the Coliseum, sponsored by the Men's Class of First Christian under the leadership of James R. Schockney. Booth 67 has been reserved for our church.

The T. B. booth is using a picture of our window in the Nave—depicting "Blessed Art The Merciful." See this when you visit the festival.



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Number 11

14 WEEKS OF DEVOTIONS, OCTOBER 1st — JANUARY 1st, 1953

THREE MORE SUNDAYS END PERIOD

Observe daily devotions with thanksgiving, petition and consecration.

End 1952 as a Christian should.

Be In Your Place Each Sunday

"Without criticism, Every member should be thanking God for the beautiful Church which is ours to use and enjoy," said a faithful member of the Church.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Duet: "He Shall Feed His Flock," Handel

Anthem by Choir

Mrs. J. E. Weicker and
Mrs. Robert E. Cocherille

Sermon: "Finding One's Direction"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Great congregations are filling our church each Sunday.

Enjoy the great Christmas Carols we are singing during this month of our Saviour's birth, at Morning worship.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

New members are being added Weekly to our Church School. This is the time to invite your friends.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

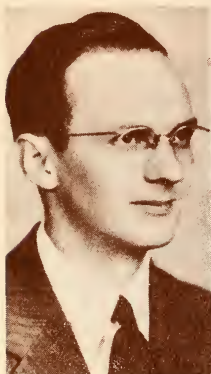
If you know any High School Youth, remind them of the good times in discussion, worship and recreation had by this group each Sunday evening.

MEN'S FORUM — SUNDAY EVENING — 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

The Men's Forum will hold its first meeting in the new church this Sunday. The Nominating Committee will make their report. "Jim" Shockney will lead the singing. Clarence Hendrickson is chairman of the Food Committee. His helpers are: David Griggs, Alan Bell, Geo. Bruckman, Gail Baugher.

Musa Marto—Native of Jerusalem, guest speaker—"Sentimental Four." Barber shop quartette will bring music.

World Conference of Christian Youth



The Third World Conference of Christian Youth will be held at Kottayam, Travancore, India, on December 11-25, 1952. The first such conference was convened in Amsterdam in 1939, and the second in Oslo in 1947.

Mr. Russell Harrison, national di-

rector of youth work in the department of religious education of the United Society will serve as a fraternal delegate to the conference. He expects to visit churches in Great Britain, the headquarters of the World Council of Churches in Switzerland, and a number of our mission stations while abroad. Traveling with him will be one of the two Disciple young people who have been chosen as delegates—Newton Fowler of Atlanta, Georgia, and Kenneth Henry of Palestine, Texas.



On Furlough From South Africa

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Holt, who are representatives of the United Society in South Africa, have returned to the States for a short furlough.

The newest congregation in the South Africa Mission is Linden Christian Church at Johannesburg. The first unit for the church building was dedicated in 1950, when 75 children were

enrolled in the Sunday school and the church membership numbered 20. Since then the church membership has grown to 88 and Sunday school enrollment to 262.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt have served as founders of this congregation, as well as pastor and Sunday school superintendent, until recently.



Linden Christian Church on dedication day.



AT Colegio Ward in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Mr. S. S. McWilliams, missionary, directs the Christian education of the 800 boys and girls who enroll each year through guidance and counseling, regular Bible study, Sunday morning services, and special religious services.

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1953 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The 1953 Church envelopes for current pledges may be picked up next Sunday morning in the narthex. Check the **Name on the box.**

RE: BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES

When making payments toward your Building Fund Pledge, will members please use an envelope from the Building Fund carton mailed you several weeks ago.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Monday, December 15—Play: "Christmas at The Allen's." Christmas Party and Banquet.
Sunday, December 21,—Service for "Blessing the Babies," at the Morning Worship Service.

Sunday, December 21,—7:30 P.M. Christmas Candlelight Service.

ATTENTION MOTHERS!

Have your children at Church for Play practice Saturday and Sunday afternoon at 2:30 P.M.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Regular meeting on Tuesday evening, December 16th, at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Robert Beck will give the Christmas Story. The Higdon Circle will give devotions, the Esther Group will serve the refreshments. The meeting will be held in the Church Parlor. As a Christmas project, members are requested to bring stockings, sizes from infant to 18 year olds, to this meeting for the Cleveland Home.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Paul Whitten, 608 E. Creighton Ave., on Thursday evening, December 18 at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Dale Hiler will give the Christmas story. And the group will enjoy a 25 cent Christmas Gift exchange.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Christian Women's Fellowship is having a Rummage Sale next Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12-13, at 1512 So. Calhoun St. Please bring your rummage after 5:00 P.M. Friday.

PAPER DRIVE

Sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship. We are asking all members of the Church to bring their old newspapers and magazines to the Church before the 19th of this month. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express sincerest sympathy to the Neil Allen family in the recent loss of Mr. Allen's mother. Also, our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Vaughn Brickley and Mrs. Marion Favory and their families in the recent loss of their father, Mr. John Timmons. Mr. Timmons has been a member of First Christian for years. Also to Mr. Earl T. Fusselman and family in the recent loss of his sister.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Amy Shawhan is a patient in Methodist Hospital, having undergone surgery.
Mrs. Olga Heidecker is a patient in the hospital.
Mr. Cecil Rice is a patient in the hospital.

CHRISTMAS PLAY AND CHURCH SCHOOL PARTY —DECEMBER 15 — 7:00 P.M.

Under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Cocherille the Play, "Christmas at the Allen's" will be presented by the Church School. L. A. Horn will be in charge of lighting effects. The Band under the direction of O. E. Ogden will bring music. Santa Claus will appear with gifts at the conclusion of the program.

A GIFT TO RECREATION

Baskets, nets and backboards for basketball are being bought and installed in the Recreation Hall by Tom Campbell as a gift to the Church.

TO USE RECREATION HALL

All groups desiring to use the Recreation Hall should sign up well in advance. All youth groups must have an adult sponsor present when using the hall. The 7th and 8th graders have reserved Saturday mornings for their group.

ATTENTION BOYS!

All boys in 7th and 8th grade desiring to play basketball on a church team should call Tom Campbell, H-2756.



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Number 12

Christmas Greetings

"God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ"—
Apostle Paul.

All over the world we have seen suddenly, as on the first Christmas, lights, like unto a star, in the darkness. This is a day of martyrs. In lands of persecution the light of Christ has shown in the faces of men. In China, Korea, Eastern Europe, everywhere when force and tyranny have sought to put out the Spirit of Christ, the glory of God has shown forth like the First Christmas.

It is true Christians will surrender their lives rather than forsake their Lord. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness is unable to overcome it. Love incarnate, Love divine, shall continue to shine like a morning star leading us on to Christian living and sacrifice.

As never before Christians will give thanks to God for His gift. We know the name is Immanuel (God with us). It is a declaration of faith when we sing, "We love Thee Lord Jesus"; "Bless all Thy dear children, dear God."

May this Christmas be overflowing with His blessing—His love and His peace,

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Talmage Beck
and Martha Jeannette.

The Prince of Peace

His Birth and Reign Foretold

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

"For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as on the day of Mid'ian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'" Isaiah 9:2-6

Holy Night

"And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, 'Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of

a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!'

"When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.' And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which has been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." Luke 2:8-20



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.
Soloist Robert E. Cocherille
Sermon: "Christmas Day

Anthem by Choir

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING — Be in your Classes this Sunday.

DEDICATION OF BABIES

Parents, please bring your children at 11:15 A.M. Meet in Church Parlor until the time for dedication. You may leave your babes in Nursery joining the Parlor.

PAGEANT AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

Many thanks to those who assisted in the pageant and Christmas party last Monday evening. That was a very successful party and greatly enjoyed by all those who were there.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday evening, December 21, at 7:30 P.M. will be our Annual Christmas Candlelight service at the church. This is an inspirational and devotional service most fitting for this season of the year.

SYMPATHY

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mack Gaunt in the recent loss of her brother. And to Mr. Floyd E. Morrical in the passing away of his dear father.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Ella Diss is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.
Mrs. Amy Shawhan is ill at her home, 1123 W. Wayne St.
Mrs. Olga Heidecker is still a patient in Lutheran Hospital.
Miss Leah Miller is a patient in Lutheran Hospital..

1953 CHURCH ENVELOPES

If you have not already done so, please pick up your 1953 church envelopes from the table in the foyer. Speak to Mrs. Vaught, Church secretary, if you do not find them.

4th QUARTER STATEMENTS

Statements for 4th quarter in 1952 will go in the mail next week to give our members an opportunity to get their church dues in before the end of this year thereby making it possible to deduct them from your income taxes.



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FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, DECEMBER 25, 1952

Number 13

14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION SPECIAL PERIOD ENDS NEXT SUNDAY

Throughout the world the needy have turned to the Church. When so little can mean so much, the churches have responded but our American Churches have really done only the minimum.

Not only the needy but the best of our Nation look to the Church for help and encouragement and the undergirding of righteousness in government. We must sustain and bring power and exercise greater influence for equity and honesty and reverence among the citizenship of our Nation.

Today yours is a proud responsibility of helping to support the Church—of giving it your time, your interest and your finances.

Attend Church. Make its high principles a part of your daily life. Make its work, your work.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Anthem by Choir

Soloist: Harold J. Bowker

Sermon: "Who Will Do It?"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Our School is growing rapidly. Invite your friends.



Joe Pazen, Black Star

The choir at All Peoples Church, Los Angeles, is led by a Chapman College student, Don Sheppard.

Students Pledge Year of Service

College and university students who are active in the Disciples Student Fellowship across the United States have asked brotherhood leaders to inaugurate a program through which senior and graduate students might give a year of service on a subsistence basis. This request came officially from the DSF Ecclesia which met last August at Estes Park, Colo.

At the Estes Park meeting, six students volunteered to take a year out of school to render some kind of service in religious work, without salary. They offered to work with only living expenses paid, in rural or city churches, in student religious centers, home or foreign mission stations where there is not enough budget to pay full-time workers. Relief work and other social service projects were also considered by the students for a year of service.

Representatives of the United Christian Missionary Society's divisions of

foreign missions, home missions, and Christian education expect to provide the students with opportunities for subsistence service.

Three students are already at work on the year of service projects. They are Kenneth Arrington of Oklahoma A and M College, who is doing student work with the First Christian Church of Lawrence, Kans., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ruff, former Purdue University students from Frankfort, Ind., who have gone to Murray, Ky., to give leadership in the student work program.

Churches Recognize Students

The last Sunday in the year is set aside in many churches as a day of recognition for young people who have been away from home at school or in the armed forces. Back in their homes for the holidays, these young people are welcomed by their churches.



Purdue Christian Foundation

Worshipping Students

Watch the New Year In

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Great Program. Assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Delmas YYoung.

A GRACIOUS GIFT

Hon. James R. Fleming has given 50 shares of stock to be sold and the proceeds to apply on the current budget of our church. He said he felt the Minister and the church have made in the last years "a great contribution to Fort Wayne." and there has been built "one of the outstanding congregations in Fort Wayne as well as one of the most beautiful and useable edifices in Fort Wayne. I am very appreciative of your great accomplishments." This gift will net well over \$800.00. We are grateful for this King-sized gift.

MEN'S CLASS

The Men's Class is growing. Teacher, James Shockney. Albert Egly, President. Alex. M. Campbell taught the Class last Sunday.

LOOKING AHEAD

CENSUS and SURVEY to be conducted by our congregation. A Call will come for 200 workers. This is our great challenge. Everyone will be anxious to know our potentiality.

Responses since we have moved have been wonderful.

This is a time for your earnest concern and prayers that our church may take the leadership which our new situation offers.

Let Everyone treat these new opportunities as though they were the Call of God.

WEDDING BELLS

Wedding Bells rang for Virginia Clendenen and Emilio Hernandez. And, Shirley Smelser and Everett Tunget on December 20th. Congratulations and best wishes for happy Christian homes.

BLESSING OF BABIES

We had five in the Service of Blessing last Sunday. Barry Nordblom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nordblom; Holly Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gernhardt; Alan Orn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Craig; Dana Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Brudi and John Wesley, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hendrickson. We wish to thank Mrs. J. S. Craig and Mrs. Don J. Eyer for their cooperation in making this service such a fine one

THE CHURCH IS INVITED

The congregation is invited to attend the wedding of Donald Eugene Munro and Miss Marvel Ruth, Saturday at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. These young people are active members of our church and members of our choir.



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THE FAMILY CHURCH"

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Number 14

New Year's Greeting

A Christian faith to all of you equal to the New Year.

There seems to be a growing acceptance of the idea that faith comes best in hard times. Faith is needed for both adoration and fear. "There are no atheists in fox holes," we were told. At least there were fewer atheists there.

Yet gratitude is a stronger basis for faith. Faith comes not only when a man hopes to save his hide. One needs faith when deep in his heart he is grateful for his wife, his child, his father and mother, for a chance to be a man. Whom can we thank, but God?

Religion is not limited to the larger order of things. You cannot dismiss the small order of them. A winding path to the doorway, a gentle light in the window, the sound of children's voices, the odor of food cooking, fill longing hearts with cheer and a silent prayer for home. This small order furnishes us with symbols of our native land that touch our deep devotions.

May yours be no bleak heart or desolate in 1953. May your faith rooted in thanksgiving see your hope grow into courage giving you lasting victory. May your life enriched by fellowship and service in the church make you an effective co-worker with God. To you and yours a happy New Year.

Your pastor and friend,

ROBERT T. BECK.

Religion in American Life Program Backed

During 1952 a total of 24 church bodies supported the national advertising program, "Religion in American Life." The purpose of this program is to strengthen religion in personal and community life. It is sponsored by a national laymen's committee composed of laymen of three major faiths.

Religion in American Life advertising campaigns were carried on in many communities, large and small, across the United States last year. Radio, television, newspapers, bus cards and billboards were used to carry the message, centered about the theme, "Show Them the Way." The campaign dramatized the need of all parents to train their children in regular habits of religious worship.

Plans are now under way for lining up a greater program of RIAL advertising in 1953. Disciples of Christ who attended the 1952 International Convention in Chicago approved a resolution urging "vigorous support" of the RIAL program by ministers and other religious leaders.

Young People Abroad Wish to Enter Jarvis

Jarvis Christian College at Hawkins, Tex., has received applications from students in Japan, Korea, West Africa, and the British West Indies. These young people wish to enroll at Jarvis in the fall term of 1953. School executives hope that it will be possible to admit them to the student body, as an adventure in development of cultural and interracial understanding on the campus.

Jarvis Christian College, sponsored by the United Christian Missionary Society, is an accredited, four-year senior college, serving Negro young people of east Texas and neighboring states. The school is making a constant effort to maintain its approved stand-

ing with the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

In order to maintain accreditation it is necessary for schools to make physical improvements on their campuses, provide safe and healthful living quarters for their students, and offer adequate classroom and laboratory facilities. The Jarvis campus is in need of dormitory accommodations and other improvements in order to maintain approved standing.

Principal Gray Returns to England

After a visit of four months in the United States, Principal James Gray returned to England in December to resume his duties as head of Overdale College in Birmingham. One of the leading churchmen of the British Churches of Christ, Principal Gray attended the World Convention of Churches of Christ in Melbourne, Australia last August and came from that meeting to the United States.

While in America, Principal Gray lectured in a number of seminaries and church related colleges. Among the schools visited were Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Ore., Phillips University, Enid, Okla., Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Tex., and the Butler University School of Religion, Indianapolis, Indiana.

In Indianapolis, early in November Principal Gray visited the Missions Building where he led devotions at the regular morning chapel service and was entertained at an informal reception sponsored by the Board of Higher Education of Disciples of Christ. With his family, he had been in America previously, at the time of the 1947 World Convention in Buffalo, N.Y.

In addition to serving as head of Overdale College, a school sponsored by the British Churches of Christ, Principal Robinson is chairman of the Central Council of the Churches of Christ in Great Britain.



Three Lions

A family encamped on the road to Caacupe, near the Jack Norment Conference Grounds.

January Is

Conference Time in Paraguay

The month of January is, to the Paraguayans, mid-summer, and to the members of evangelical churches there, time for summer conference.

One of the Disciples of Christ missionaries to Paraguay, Mrs. June Smedley, wrote recently, before returning to the United States on furlough, "You have surely heard us talk about the Jack Norment Conference Grounds. This is located about 55 kilometers

from Asuncion, in the hills at Caacupe. It is a beautiful piece of land containing about 60 acres and one boundary lies about 100 meters along a little creek.

"We have had two family conferences there the past two summers, both of them being in the form of work periods as well as play and study. They were very successful."

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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Anthem by Choir

Soloist—Mrs. J. E. Weicker

Sermon: "Has Your Religion A Chance?"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Since vacation is over use this Sunday as an opportunity to invite a guest.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

A couple of hours of worship, discussion and recreation in the church is a fine way for any youth to close his Sunday.

NOTES

David Griggs is in Florida where he is doing some research during his vacation in the biological field.

Election of Officers will be held this Sunday.

Committee is working out rules and regulations regarding the use of the various rooms of the Church—Church programs will have preference in their use.

WEDDING BELLS

D. Eugene Munro and Miss Marvel Ruth were united in marriage last Saturday afternoon in the sanctuary of the church. They will reside on So. Calhoun. Reception was held in the Church parlor.

Lieut. Harold Donelson and Miss Sally Zimmerman were united in marriage in the Chapel, Saturday evening. They will reside in El Paso, Texas, where Lieut. Donelson is an instructor. Reception was held in the church parlor.

These are popular young people of the Church. Our best wishes go with all four.

NEW MEMBERS

Many have come into the Church; Many more are planning to come. Why not invite your friend this Sunday.

SURVEY IN JANUARY

Plans have been set in motion to make a complete survey of the territory about the church. When called upon to serve have a cheery answer ready.

THANKS MANY TIMES FROM THE MINISTER

Never has the minister's home received so many kind wishes and thoughtful expressions of Christmas cheer and good will. All our hearts were deeply touched. The dear people of First Christian are more precious than ever to your pastor and his home.



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KEEP FAITH IN 1953

In Christian faith our National Institutions are rooted; in Christian faith our liberties are secure. America, more than ever before, needs us today to be strong in that faith.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.
Sermon: "What Will You Do With Christianity?"

Anthem by Choir
Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The heat in our Church School is now in good order. Children and older persons will find warm and comfortable Class rooms.

Help your Church School to grow—bring a friend.

C. Y. F. — 6:30 P.M.

With beautiful atmosphere for worship. Adequate arrangements for social activities, young people of First Christian have fine opportunities each Sunday evening to enter into a fine fellowship. This welcome awaits you.

MEN'S FORUM

FIRST OF YEAR

SUNDAY EVENING — 5 to 7 P.M.

Roy T. Combs, Executive secretary of Indiana Christian Men's Fellowship is the speaker. "Jim" Shockney needs every man out. He wants Combs to return to Indianapolis with glowing reports of the men of First Christian. Every man back up our president this Sunday.

New Citizens Learn At M.C.I.

Mexican Christian Institute at San Antonio, Texas renders such conspicuous service to children and young people that its program for adults is frequently overlooked in portrayals of the institution's work.

Adult Classes Organized

This community center, sponsored by The United Christian Missionary Society of Disciples of Christ, is situated in the midst of San Antonio's large Mexican-American neighborhood. Most of M.C.I.'s neighbors are American citizens, but many adults do not know the English language and some have not yet been naturalized. The Institute has undertaken to help these people become good citizens by offering a full program of adult activities.

Naturalization classes and English classes are taught by volunteers who are interested in helping their neighbors develop their capacities for citizenship. Such a volunteer teacher is Joe Valdespino who stands by the blackboard in the picture of the adult English class. Other volunteers and staff members at M.C.I. give guidance in adult

forums, informal clubs and projects which encourage participation in civic affairs.

In connection with clinics conducted at the center, there are classes for mothers in home-making, health education and child care.

Mexican Christian Institute is a member of the local and national Federation of Settlements. Through this organization the Institute gives its influence in support of reforms benefiting minorities. M. C. I. also works with such community agencies as the Parent-Teachers Association, public schools and the churches.

Staff Active in Churches

Open fourteen hours daily, except Sunday, M.C.I. serves nearly 4,000 individuals each year. On Sundays the staff members are active in churches of the city. Since the work was begun at Mexican Christian Institute, some forty years ago, the friendly home missionaries and their varied services have made this Christian settlement house a center of happy, helpful activity for hundreds of families.

That Men May Know Wisdom And Instruction

PROVERBS 1.2



Adult English class at Mexican Christian Institute.

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AN OPEN DOOR

JANUARY 18 AND JANUARY 25th

A **Sectional Census** covering about one fifth of the city of Fort Wayne will be made on the above Sundays. Mr. Lyle Newman of the United Christian Missionary Society will have charge of this census program. The United Society are loaning this man to us. 300 workers are required to do this great work. Answer "Yes" please, if you are asked. And pray that we may make greatest use of this opportunity.

Mr. Newman is an expert in this field, having directed surveys in various parts of the United States.



Mr. Lyle Newman

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. M. S. Kreps, 4713 Spatz Ave. Monday evening, January 12, at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Wise will bring the program.

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. C. L. Follis, 1421 Cherokee Rd. on Monday evening, January 12 at 7:30 P.M.

The Huber Circle will meet with Mrs. Kenneth Dibble, 818 Monroe St. Thursday, January 8 at 2 P.M.

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Albert Egly, 1927 N. Wells St. on Monday evening at 6:30 P.M. Members **please note change** in meeting place.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. C. W. Winfield, 1001 Columbia on Wednesday afternoon, January 14, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. Schlatter will present the program. Her topic, "Africa".

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Eddleman in the birth of a little daughter on December 19, 1952.

REGISTERED NURSE

Mrs. Helene Rodda, our Registered Nurse, will care for our babies up to two years of age during the Sunday School hour and children up to 5 years, or Kindergarten age, during the Morning Worship services.

Mrs. James Hirschy is in charge of small children above 2 years, during the Sunday School hour in the Nursery Class.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Kenneth Miller, 1445 E. Lewis St., is a patient in the Methodist Hospital.

DELUXE CAB — THANKS!

Through the fine and generous graces of Gene Himelstein the owner of the Deluxe Taxi Service, the Nurse who cares for our children is given a courtesy ride each Sunday to our church. The Committee is most gratified. And the membership of this church is very appreciative of this fine expression of kind generosity.



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SUNDAY OPEN DOOR DAY

Membership of Church will take Census of City. Great preparation is being made. The United Christian Missionary Society is loaning us their leader in urban surveys.

Basket or Pot-luck dinner at 12 o'clock. Instruction by Mr. Lyle Newman. At o'clock census takers will be at their work.

This is a **MUST** for First Christian and is the first step in our enlarging program.

For Children: A nurse has been provided. Movies for the older children. Workers may bring family to church and leave children at church while work is done on census.

Rain or shine the census will be taken. The worse the day the more certain you may be in finding families at home.

The Committee on Survey is composed of Henry Flowers, chairman, Albert G. G. G., Floyd Morrical, Bret Young, Charles Fuchshuber, James Shockney, Eural Rose, John Craig, Harold Pritchard, Clayton Yoquelet and Hugh Tracey.

FRIDAY EVENING — 6:15 P.M.

Dinner for Colonels and Captains, Friday evening. First meeting with Mr. Newman of Indianapolis. The dinner is being served by the Board of Deaconesses.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Special Music: Choir

Sermon: "Hang Out The Lanterns"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Bring the family with you. That is the right way to go to Sunday School.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

About the fireplace, our youth meet for fellowship, snacks — discussion and worship — An invitation is extended to you if you are a youth.

Puerto Rico's Churches Overflowing

Churches of Disciples of Christ in Puerto Rico are showing great gains in membership and stewardship. At the end of 1951 they reported a total membership of 5,650 and giving of \$15.70 per capita. Two new churches were started during the year. The United Christian Missionary Society, which sponsors the Puerto Rico Mission, gives encouragement and help to the island's 47 Disciple congregations and some 60 preaching points.

Houses of Worship Inadequate

In the field of church buildings the Puerto Rican churches find it difficult to keep up with their gains in membership. During the past several years the Board of Church Extension of Disciples of Christ has helped the Puerto Rican Christians with building plans and loans on which no interest is charged. With this aid, a number of the churches have repaired their termite-eaten structures, built parsonages and put up several new chapels. But as 1952 came to a close, only a few of the congregations were housed adequately.

Puerto Ricans love to go to church. They attend services on Sunday morning, then return in the afternoon and evening for a second and third service of worship. Sanctuaries are usually so crowded that parents and older children must hold the younger ones on their laps and some persons must stand around the sides of the worship rooms. Others crowd together in the doorways, holding their hymnals which they bring from home, and joining in the singing from wherever they are able to find room to stand.

San Juan Church an Example

The San Juan church is an example of the growing congregations in Puerto Rico which now face the necessity of building programs. Within the past ten years this church has built up a membership of 300 and a church school enrollment of 400. Classrooms are pitifully small and poorly equipped. The church supports its current budget and has established a second church in the city of San Juan, but it is unable to shoulder the full cost of a building program. With help from the United Society and the Board of Church Extension the church hopes to begin a new building in 1953.



Santiago from Black Star

Crowds pack the church in San Juan, Puerto Rico during Sunday services.

*Praise God
In His Sanctuary*

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ASSOCIATED CHURCHES DINNER

The Annual dinner of the Associated Churches will be held January 22nd at the First Evangelical and United Brethren Church. Reports will be made from various Departments. Wm. Crouse, Dale Parkerson, Mrs. Charles Dare, David Griggs, Sherman Myers and our pastor are our delegates to this annual meeting.

OUR PASTOR

Gave the devotional talk at the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A. last Monday.

He will give the Commencement address for the Junior High at Harrison Hill on the 22nd of this month.

He has been made a member of the Committee on Family Outreach of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Lois Pifher suffered a fall recently and fractured her arm. She is at home, 1005 Lincoln Ave.

Mr. E. C. Tatman is a patient in Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. Lee N. Sapp is in Lutheran Hospital for observation.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Evening Guild will meet with Mildred Hartman and Mildred Hutchinson, 301 E. Fleming Ave., on Monday evening, January 19 at 8 P.M.

The Executive meeting of the C.W.F. will meet in the church on Tuesday, Jan. 20th at **11 A.M.** A carry-in luncheon will be served at **12:30 P.M.** Members please bring your own table service. The Kepple Circle is in charge of arrangements. The General meeting will follow at **1:30 P.M.** The Huber Circle will bring devotions. The program, a "Book Chat" by Mrs. Laverne Sandy, wife of the Minister of Anthony Blvd., Presbyterian Church.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP DINNER ON SUNDAY, JAN. 18

All of our members and friends are invited to a Church fellowship dinner Sunday, January 18, following the Morning Worship Service. It will be a carry-in dinner with coffee to be provided. Bring your baskets and table service to the Fellowship Hall or kitchen as you come to the church, and the food will be arranged by ladies of the church.

The dinner will launch our Religious census to be conducted during the next two Sunday afternoons. All team workers should attend the dinner so we can get started at 1 P.M. The younger children are to be cared for at the church during the calling hours.



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SUNDAY CLOSES CENSUS

Wonderful response last Sunday from our census takers and from people in this area. Our Committee headed by Henry M. Flowers gave fine leadership. Our leader, Mr. Lyle Newman has been on the job rendering excellent direction and service.

Basket dinner for membership—12 Noon. At One o'clock the census will begin. During the afternoon the census is expected to be completed.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Voluntaries: 10:30 A.M.

Anthem by Choir
Soloist: Mrs. L. A. Horn
Preacher: Our Pastor

Sermon: "Big and Little Designs"

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The basketball court is expected to be marked and back board and baskets installed so that one week from Saturday games may be played.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Young people were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Eugene Munro last Sunday evening at their home on South Calhoun Street. Every High School student is invited to the Sunday evening meeting of our youth.

FLOWER FOR CHANCEL

In order that there may be flowers in our Church each Sunday, Miss Sarah Shroyer has worked out a chart whereby you may choose your favorite Sunday. The flowers may be given as memorials. A number of Sundays have already been reserved. If you desire to give flowers please see Miss Shroyer.



A Wider Fellowship

Christian Women's Fellowship reaches out from the United States and Canada into many lands where our missionaries are serving.

To draw all women of our churches into closer relationship, the International Christian Women's Fellowship will be organized next July. A specially called meeting has been scheduled prior to the International Convention in Portland, Oregon. A nominating committee of fifteen women will report, at that meeting, their nominations for officers of the new organization.

Personalities In The Thailand Mission

Kru Chalat is superintendent of the Thai Boys' School at Nakon Pathom, enrollment 700, superintendent of the Thai Christian Sunday School, preaches once a month, and helps in many other ways.

He first made known his exceptional ability to carry responsibility while just a boy, when he took charge of boiling the rice in the boarding department of the school. He has served as teacher, preacher, or guardian of the property, as need has arisen.

Kru Luen gives part time as Thai Bible woman and worker in the Thai Girls' School, and as language teacher for the missionaries. She is also president of the Thai Women's Fellowship, leading out in whatever activity they undertake.

Kru Bamrung (Adipat), now in Manila Union Theological Seminary, has been one of the important workers, showing a special aptitude for work with young people. His wife, Mrs. *Adipat*, is head of the Thai Girls' School and teacher in the Sunday School. (See cover.)

About twenty years ago *Pastor Lo* came to work at Nakon Pathom from South China. The Chinese Primary School teachers and leaders in the youth group are very fond of him. He is pastor of the Chinese Church in Na-

kon Pathom and also preaches at the Ban Pong station.

The moving spirit in Ban Pong is *Ma Chu*, who formerly worked in the Nakon Pathom Christian Hospital. She learned much in the hospital work, and is now a mid-wife. She provides a building used as a chapel for church services.

Fourteen years ago *Dr. H. T. Chen* and his family came to Nakon Pathom and took over responsibility for the Christian hospital. It has grown since then from a small medical center to a 25-bed hospital, serving a wide area. Dr. Chen is not only a leader in medical service but in evangelistic work.

Working with Dr. Chen is his nephew, *Dr. Chen Chek-Ling*, who is spending this year in graduate study in the U.S.A. The two families greatly strengthen the Chinese Christian Church in Nakon Pathom.



These are some of the national leaders with whom our missionaries are working in the Thailand Mission. Mrs. Edna Gish and Mr. and Mrs. George Cherryhomes, formerly of our China Mission, have taken over responsibilities from the three British missionaries who have reached retirement.

Work in the mission is with both Thais and Chinese, of whom there is a large population in Thailand.



**Our Father, we ask Thy blessing on children every-
where.**

**Thy way be shown, Thy will made known
To them through our Christian teaching.**

**From a song written by
Mrs. Alice Goddard, for
International Children's Work Conference.
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"Worship Services for the Church Year," by Lotz.

"Opening the Door for God," Sweet

New Standard Revision of the New Testament

"Worship Programs and Stories for the Young People," by Bays

A WORD OF THANKS

We wish again to express our thanks and appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Edgerton, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Schiller, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Bennett, Mr. J. Hugh Tracey for the gifts of pianos. Pianos lend much to the worship programs of Church School and other services.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. J. C. Koegel is quite ill with a virus cold, at her home, 1222 W. Jefferson. Mrs. W. C. Birkhold is suffering from "flu," at her home, 4017 S. Fairfield. Others on our prayer list: Mrs. Lois Pifher, Mrs. Amy Shawhan, Mrs. L. N. Sapp, Mr. E. C. Tatman.

SECOND FELLOWSHIP DINNER SUNDAY

Be sure to join with your fellow church members in a carry-in fellowship dinner Sunday, January 25, following the Morning Service. The dinner is to be attended by all Census workers. The church will provide Coffee. Children of census workers will be cared for at the church by Mrs. Don Eyer and Mrs. Henry Vernard, while their parents are out calling. Movies are planned again for the older children through the courtesy of Bert Leversee and Cecil Rice.

NEWLY ELECTED CHURCH OFFICERS

Mr. B. W. Leversee, **Trustee**; F. E. Morrical, Gail J. Roe, Dale Parkerson, Eural G. Rose, Albert Egly, H. W. Crowder, Preston H. Somers, John S. Craig, Jas. R. Shockney, Elders; John C. Cole Wm. P. Vunora, A. Howard Wise, E. W. Evans, C. D. Palmer, M. S. Kreps, J. E. Merrill, Marvin L. Crouse, H. H. Stevenson, P. A. Rayburn, Mark Crouse, Bret Young, Delmas Young, Harry Griggs, Allen Garee, R. E. Working, C. Hendrickson, Ralph J. Richard, Kenneth V. Lytle, Dr. R. W. Goebel, **Deacons**; Mrs. Glenn R. Miller Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Mrs. Alan Bell, Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Mrs. C. L. Follis, **Deaconesses**; Glenn R. Miller, **Treasurer**; Sherman G. Myers, **Financial Secretary**; Chas. E. Fuchshuber, J. R. Shockney, F. W. Edgerton, Alan C. Bell, **Assistant Financial Secretaries**; Mrs. Owen Vaught, **Church Clerk**; Dale Parkerson, Eural G. Rose, John S. Craig, **Church School Superintendents**.

Wm. H. Crouse, **Chairman, Official Board**; Meldren S. Kreps, **Vice-Chrm., Official Board**; Robert E. Clipp, **Chrmn., Elders**; H. W. Crowder, **Vice-Chrmn., Elders**; John E. Merrill, **Chrmn., Deacons**; E. R. Baker, **Vice-Chrmn. Deacons**; Mrs. Gail J. Roe, **Chairman, Deaconesses**; Sherman G. Myers, **Chairman, Trustees**.



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In this hour let us evidence our thankfulness to God, the Giver. Our survey has shown we have many friends in our community and quite a large number who are interested in becoming members of First Christian.

Today's search for fitness of individual and of Church and of nation demands the removal of six accursed things from our community life:

Indifference — indolence — injustice — intemperance — intolerance — ingratitude
Banish indifference, conquer indolence, renounce injustice, overcome intemperance, expel intolerance, abolish ingratitude.

A nation's, a church's value comes more in what it loves than in what it owns. The spiritual values are the great values.

I challenge you in the face of our great opportunities and the needs of our times to dedicate yourselves by factors that can make us great.

Concern — industriousness — justice — temperance — tolerance — thankfulness.

Nothing can make us strong like God-fearing, homeloving, freedom earning, church supporting men and women.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "This Is The Way of Life"

Soloist: Mrs. J. E. Weicker

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Anthem by Choir

Our pastor is the preacher.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Our High School people are making good use of their room. There have been weiner roasts in the fire place. Plans are under way to decorate their room. All High School youth are invited.

The Backboards for basketball have been delivered as well as material for screening the windows. These are the gift of Tom Campbell.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Open to all High School Youth.

FLOWER FOR CHANCEL

In order that there may be flowers in our Church each Sunday, Miss Sarah Shroyer has worked out a chart whereby you may choose your favorite Sunday. The flowers may be given as memorials. A number of Sundays have already been reserved. If you desire to give flowers please see Miss Shroyer.



Youth In The Churches

Uniting the youth of Disciples churches in Canada and the United States is the Christian World Friendship project. The young people have selected as their theme for this year, "That We Fail Not Man Nor Thee."

The annual project includes goals for study and stewardship for youth from 12 to 24. Subjects for study in six-month periods this year are: "Home Missions and Human Rights" and "Africa."

Objects for support through the offerings of youth are:

Christian Education: student work field service of religious education.

Home Missions and Social Welfare: migrant work; Hazel Green Academy; Jarvis Christian College; Southern Christian Institute.

Africa: Disciples of Christ Congo Mission; South African Mission.

The stewardship goal for the year is \$56,000.



Cooperation In Evangelism

Various state and national organizations of our brotherhood are working closely together in the establishment of churches in the region of the Savannah River Project in South Carolina. Here it is expected that hundreds of families will locate for the new government plant of the hydrogen bomb.

Local churches of nearby cities are also cooperating in meeting the problem of evangelism as new communities spring up.

The clearing of land for this project called for the complete dismantling of the town of Ellenton, and with it the historic Ellenton Christian

Church in which Alexander Campbell had preached.

Plans are being made by the Board of Church Extension, the state missionary societies of South Carolina and Georgia, and the department of church development and evangelism of the United Society to help make these new communities Christian. New churches proposed include one to serve any of the members of the Ellenton Church who settle nearby, and also others as needed and as funds are available.

The first church has been located at Aiken, S.C., where a new congregation has been established.



"And Jesus grew in wisdom and in
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FRIENDLY CLASS

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, 1308 E. Wayne St., on Wednesday, February 4th at 1:30 P.M.

The Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Amy Shawhan, 1123 W. Wayne St., on Wednesday afternoon, February 4th, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. E. W. Evans will give devotions and Mrs. Ray Woodhul will present the program.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. P. A. Rayburn is a patient in room 160, Lutheran Hospital.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

February 1—Dr. A. C. Worley — Dale Parkerson
8—John Z. Berlien — Preston H. Somers
15—Floyd E. Morrical — Harold W. Crowder
22—Owen O. Vaught — Gail J. Roe

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Captain Allen Garee, A-65793; J. E. Tracey, Romane H. Cole, Eppie R. Baker, M. G. Heller, Clayton Yoquelet, J. L. Brubake, Harry Griggs, M. L. Crouse, P. A. Rayburn, Bret R. Young, Delmas Young.

OFFICIAL BOARD

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"Worship Programs and Stories for the Young People," by Bays

MEN GROW INTO THE LORD'S PRAYER

Once when Jesus had been praying, the shine on his face made one of his disciples exclaim wistfully, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." It seems that Jesus had been careful not to burden his disciples with rules and forms of prayer. But in answer to this request he gave them what is known as the Lord's Prayer. We all love to repeat its very words, and will do so to the end of our days. But it was not primarily intended as a ritual. It is rather an outline of the scope of acceptable prayer, and as one studies it he is increasingly amazed at the extent to which it voices every need of our human nature, and is absolutely pure of any elements that have been outgrown in the broadening experience of the race. Men grow into the Lord's Prayer, rather than away from it.

—Rollin H. Walker

REAL GIVING

No man really gives unless the things he gives could be of use to himself. The more useful it is and the more desirable, the greater becomes its value. He who gives such things that he doesn't value or has no use for in reality gives nothing.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Anthem by Choir

Sermon: "How to Face a World of Evil"

Soloist: Mrs. Robert M. Cockerille

Our pastor is the preacher.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Many of the Adult classes are having the new experience of having a whole hour for their class period. Some are using part of that time for worship.

The Public Address system makes it possible for announcements to reach all classes in all departments.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

The Youth are working out a project to decorate their room. Miss Bonnie Fusselman is the president and David Griggs is the sponsor.

MEN'S FORUM

Meeting next Sunday evening from 5 to 7 P.M. Robert Kernan, Jr., recently returned from Japan will talk on "Japan and his experiences."

Come! Enjoy supper and fellowship together with our men.

Intermediate boys of 7th and 8th grades will meet Saturday morning at 9:30 to 11:30 in the gym under supervision of Robert F. Carson. The group elected Tom Campbell Captain of team and Larry Carson, Ass't Captain.

Alex Campbell in addition to being a top-flight attorney, is an excellent carpenter. He made and installed the basketball backboards.

FLOWERS

Pulpit flowers on February 1st were given by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parkerson. Flowers for the pulpit on February 8th, are given by Mrs. F. H. Rogers in memory of her husband. And by Mr. and Mrs. Eural G. Rose.

Youth Week, 1953

Young people in thirty-eight Protestant church bodies have their special week, January 25 to February 1, 1953. Youth Week has been observed for ten years by the churches and youth-serving agencies co-operating in the United Christian Youth Movement. Through the years it has been observed regularly, from the last Sunday in January to the first Sunday in February.

Youth Week gives young people opportunities to

- dramatize the place and purpose of youth in the program of the church and the community,
- build and strengthen a fellowship between themselves and adults in the church,
- bring unchurched youth into active, full relationship with the church,
- express the basic oneness of all Christian groups in Jesus Christ

Disciples of Christ participate in Youth Week, in many communities taking the initiative in promoting the community-wide interdenominational observance. The Youth Work Office of the United Christian Missionary Society helps to sponsor the special week by sending program materials to all ministers and religious education directors of the brotherhood. An event of national significance, Youth Week is the largest Protestant youth observance held annually in the United States and Canada.

The 1953 observance is centered about the theme

Strive to Know...
Dare to Believe

STRIVE TO KNOW



DARE TO BELIEVE

Youth Week

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. A. Howard Wise, 2030 Nelson St., on Monday evening, February 9th at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. M. S. Kreps will present the program.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. Rolland R. Ripple, 3405 Central Dr., on Wednesday, February 11th at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. Irene Cline will bring devotions. Mrs. Paul Clendenen will present the program.

The Evening Guild will meet Monday evening, February 9, in the Church Parlor at 8:00 P.M.

WELCOME HOME

We wish to extend welcome to Donald Miller and Lewis R. Waters, having served in Germany are now at home. To Robert Kernen, Jr., who served in Japan and is now at home. We appreciate having these young men worshipping with us again.

AMONG OUR SICK

We have had many of our members ill with "flu" during the past few weeks. Some of them are Mrs. J. E. Tracey, Mrs. Clarence Kroener, Mr. Aden Current and Robert Current, and Ms. J. C. Koegel.

FORT WAYNE COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN

Council Meeting: February 11, 9:30 A.M. First Presbyterian Church, Morning Coffee Hour. St. Olaf Choir, sponsored by Associated Churches, Quimby Auditorium, February 16, 8:30 P.M. **World Day of Prayer:** February 20th, First Methodist Church 2:00 and 7:30 P.M.

THE INNER LIFE

Our true life lies at a great depth within us. Our restlessness and weaknesses are in reality merely stirrings of the surface. That is why we must daily retire in silence far into the quiet depths of our spirits, and experience the real life within us. If we do this, our words and actions will come to be real also.

R Tagore

That we should do unto others as we would have them do unto us—that we should respect the rights of others as scrupulously as we would have our rights respected—is not a mere counsel of perfection to individuals—but it is the law to which we must conform social institutions and national policy, if we would secure the blessings and abundance of peace.

Henry George

MORAL LAW

Civilization can only stand if it is built upon a rock, and the only rock which can withstand the storms of the ages is the rock of moral law. Man can no more leave God out of his philosophies than he can live without his heart or see without his eyes.

GOD AND GOVERNMENT

Because federal legislation often limits the freedom of the individual some people jump to the conclusion that government is a necessary evil—necessary because sinful human beings need restraint but still essentially an evil. This conception of government is neither Biblical nor Christian. "All government," said St. Paul, "is of God." By this he certainly did not mean that every act of every government has the blessing of God. The true Christian position is that government, like the home, the school, the church, is one of the instruments God uses for the education and development of men and women. Under God, government can be used by the people for noble purposes.

Herman F. Ressig



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SELECTIVE LISTENING

The use of a hearing aid is a great boon to anyone with defective hearing. But there are also distinct problems connected with its use. The instrument naturally does not confine itself to picking up the human voice. It transmits to the ear all sounds and noises within its reach. What is more, metallic sounds and strident voices have a tendency to drown out the softer and more mellow sounds, especially the quiet conversational voice. The wearer of the hearing instrument has to learn to select from a welter of noises and voices the one he wants to hear. In due course this becomes a habit and requires but little effort.

A counterpart to this may be observed in the difficulty most people experience in distinguishing the Christian voice in the world today. By no means has the voice of our Lord Jesus Christ been silenced. More generally than ever before may it be heard in virtually every country, even unto the uttermost parts of the world. But the hearing of our Master's voice as it comes through the message of the Gospel is often attended by grave difficulties. The many raucous voices and the din of materialistic, metallic noises complicate the selection and hearing of the calm, even voice of Him whose "Come unto me" continues to offer salvation to a harassed and callous generation.

To each of us it is a matter of the most serious consequence that out of the Babel of voices and noises we learn to distinguish and heed the voice of Him who with outstretched arms still seeks to encompass all mankind in the embrace of His saving love.

O Lord, give us ready ears and willing hearts that we may always hear and be guided by the voice of the Master. —Reprinted

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.

Anthem: Choir
Soloist: Harold Bowker

SERMON

"When Worship Helps"
Preacher, our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Through the Public Address system announcements will be made to all the Classes. This is the signal for dismissal. Many of the Classes are finding a new experience and an opportunity to develop fellowship in the extra time allotted.

Disciples of Christ Mission Schools Seek to Meet

the Need for Christian Training in the Philippines

MISSIONARIES serving in the Philippines say that training for lay leaders and ministers is one of the outstanding needs of the Christian churches in the islands. There are more than 1200 Protestant churches in the Philippines, with a devoted, consecrated membership of more than 600,000 Christians. These congregations are calling for capable teachers, officers and preachers.

Mission training schools are trying to meet the need for a better church leadership in the Philippines. The Disciples of Christ sponsor three high schools on Northern Luzon and cooperate in the Union Seminary in Manila. This work is done through The United Christian Missionary Society and the eight Disciples of Christ missionaries now serving with the Philippine Mission.

ABRA Mountain High School at Lamo, Bucloc, Abra graduated its second class in April, 1952. There were 24 young men and women in this class. Since graduation, those who did not go on to college have been working as church school superintendents and leaders of Sunday morning

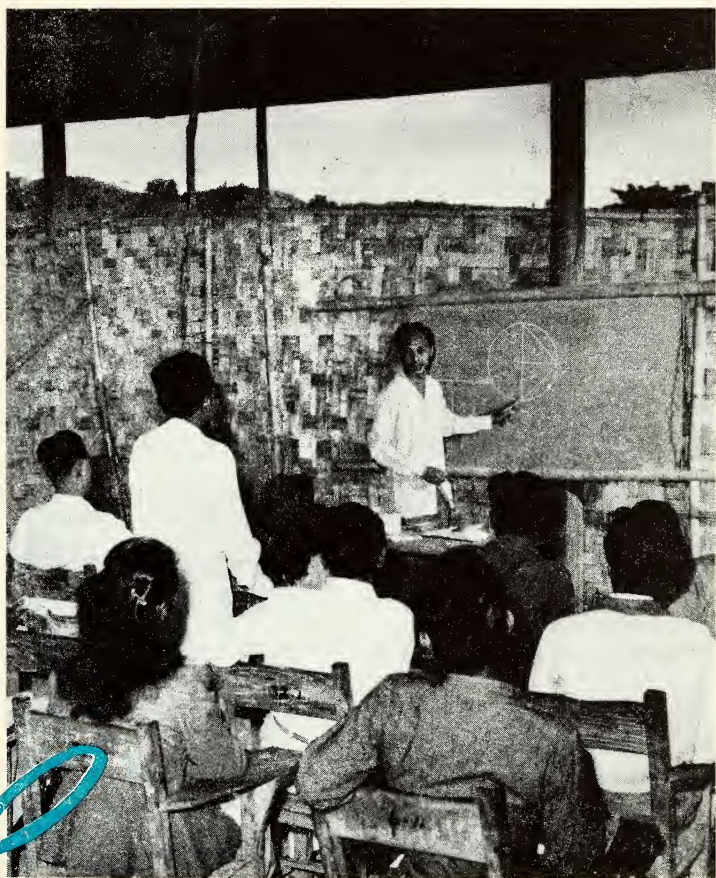
worship in the villages where there are no located pastors.

Apayao Christian Academy at Kabugao, in the mountain province of Apayao is in its fifth year. As in the Lamao high school, Apayao Academy offers regular high school courses, agricultural training and classes in Bible. New buildings for these schools have gone up in the past three years, largely built with student labor.

THE Christian Training School functioning for many years at Vigan, has produced some fine workers for the church. Students have learned worship, church school methods and preaching, along with carpentry, gardening, sewing and weaving. In-service training for lay church workers has been a practical feature of the school's program. Mission and church leaders realize, however, that young people need more advanced training if they are to lead the churches effectively.

Union Theological Seminary in Manila had an enrollment of over 200 students in 1951. Eleven of these students were there on scholarships provided through the United Society and scholarship aid raised on the field.

Cover photo from Black Star—Apayao Christian Academy, Kabugao, The Philippines.



Christian School
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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP 6:30 P.M.

The Youth Room will now be decorated. The paint is here and it is in order for a bright cheerful color. Thanks to Bonnie Fusselman and her father for working out this program.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Sponsored by the Fort Wayne Council of Church Women will be held at the First Methodist Church on Friday, February 20, at 2:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. The theme: "Walk as Children of Light."

CHRISTIAN WOMEN FELLOWSHIP

The regular meeting of the Christian Womens Fellowship will be an African Safari Tuesday, February 17, at 1:30 P.M. A dessert luncheon will be served. Mrs. J. E. Weicker will sing, Mrs. Neil Allen will bring devotions and Mrs. David Hostetter will review the book, "Jungles Ahead".

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Charles Schnobel is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, room 406.

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Ronald Dailey in the recent death of her mother. May God bless her in the days ahead.

Rita Roe is much improved as we go to press.

ORCHIDS

Many fine things are being accomplished about our new building and we wish to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and thanks to the men and women who have worked to make our building and equipment more beautiful. We wish particularly to thank Hugh Tracey for making new coat racks for the Narthex of the church and to thank Mr. John Berlien, Mr. Paul Strawser and Mr. F. E. Morrical for all the painting they have done in the dining room and in some of the children's departments, touching up chairs, tables and cupboards. Services of this nature counts for much for the Church.

THE MEN'S CLASS

The new hearing aid was given by the Men's Class as one of their projects. These men meet each Sunday at 9:30 for coffee and cakes and singing in a fine fellowship. Any man of the Church or friends may share in this fellowship.

THE EVENING GUILD

The Guild appropriated \$40.00 for more hearing aids for our Sanctuary.

NEW MEMBERS

February 18th, the day that marks the beginning of Lent our Evangelism Division will emphasize our task of witnessing for Christ and seeking new members. This period will extend to Easter.

PAUL KEPPLE CIRCLE

Note stationery with picture of new church have been secured by the Paul Kepple Circle. This very attractive stationery may be secured from any member of this group. This stationery is put in packages costing \$1.00.

THAT CHURCH WILL I JOIN

When any church will inscribe over its altar, as its sole qualification for membership, the Savior's condensed statement of the substance of both law and Gospel, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and thy neighbor as thyself," that church will I join with all my heart and all my soul.

—Abraham Lincoln



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SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

A Call to Lent has gone out to our membership. This is our first Lenten Season in our new Church. Each member has been given a chart whereby he may pledge himself to increased devotion. Take a longer period for prayer and meditation. Practice the presence of God. Be faithful in your Church attendance.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.
Soloist: Mr. Robert E. Cocherille

Anthem: Choir

SERMON

"When Your Christian Faith is Low"
Preacher, our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

9:15-9:30 A.M. Music over Public Address System. 9:30 Training Class for Primary Teachers taught by Mr. Hugh D. Rice. This will continue for 4 Sundays. You may enroll this Sunday.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M. — EVERYBODY OUT!

Sunday a program of interest to young people. Miss Bonnie Fusselman is in charge of the program. Miss Betty Moore, soloist. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Munro are assisting with C.Y.F. They will conduct recreation and Mrs. Munro will lead group singing. Mr. David Griggs is sponsor of this group.

MEN'S CLASS

Mr. Edward Ashton made a gift of \$25.00 through the Men's Class to The Christian Women's Fellowship. The Men's Class matched this gift and turned over \$50.00 to the Women's Fellowship for new dishes. The Men's Class meets in the kitchen each Sunday at 9:30 A.M. for coffee and Bible Study. Clay Orchard is leading the Class in the absence of the teacher, James Shockney who is speaking in various churches on behalf of the State Christian Men's Fellowship during the next Sundays.

One Family in Heaven and Earth

The three children playing in the swing at All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center, Los Angeles, Calif. are from three ethnic backgrounds — Caucasian, Negro and Asian. They and several hundred other children, young people and adults who take part in activities at All Peoples are happy demonstrators of world brotherhood. For at this home missions church and center, not only people from varied racial backgrounds, but also those of differing religious faiths are participating in some phase of the daily program.

February is set aside by many churches as Brotherhood Month. At this time concerned churchmen consider the meaning of the phrase, "one family in heaven and earth." Now, after more than 1900 years, these words of the Apostle Paul continue to have implications for churches and churchmen, for communities and citizens.

Brotherhood Month calls the churches to that kind of action which was undertaken by Disciples of Christ when opening All Peoples Christian Church and Center. The time was 1942, shortly after Japanese families had been moved from the West Coast into relocation camps. The once-Japanese neighborhood around the Japanese Christian Institute in Los Angeles filled up rapidly during the war with people of many racial and cultural backgrounds. Restless

gangs of boys roamed the streets, smashing windows.

For All People

Then the United Christian Missionary Society sent Mr. and Mrs. Dan Genung as home missionaries to undertake religious work in this turbulent community. The young couple patched the broken windows and washed defacing marks from the walls of Japanese Christian Institute. The building was reopened as All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center. It was to be what the name implied—a place for *all* people. The plan was to welcome small groups of children and young people into playground activities, crafts, camping, a day nursery and weekly church services. Those who wished to come would do so in a natural way, without concern for their various races and religious faiths.

The plan is working. Now, after eleven years the word "interracial" is rarely used at All Peoples, although some 200 Koreans, Caucasians, Negroes, Mexicans, Chinese and, once more, Japanese living in the neighborhood belong to the church. The term "intercultural" is seldom heard at All Peoples, yet some 500 Buddhists, Roman Catholics, Protestants and others who are indifferent to religion regularly take part in the community center program. Dan Genung says of his work, "We are just people, learning to grow and worship together."



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WASHINGTON WORKSHOP

Our pastor will be one of 30 pastors and leaders from the Disciples of Christ attending the workshop at out National Capitol next week. National religious, political and scientific leaders will meet with this group in various seminars. These ministers and leaders are brought together by the United Christian Missionary Society.

EVANGELISM

The Evangelism group, meeting Thursday evening, are preparing plans for an intensive evangelistic effort during Lent, with hundreds of prospective members on the Church responsibility list, as many of these homes as it is possible to see will be visited.

USING THE CHURCH

Those desiring to use the Church should first see the Church Secretary in order that they may be no conflicts. Sponsors will sign for certain rooms for certain times. It is the desire of the Official Board that these rooms be made available to as many groups in the Church as possible, but that everything be done without conflict and in good order.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Edward Ashton is quite ill with "flu" at her home. Mr. Albert Egly fell this week and suffered a broken foot. He is at home 1927 N. Wells St.

PULPIT FLOWERS

The Pulpit flowers this week will be furnished by Mr. and Mrs. John S. Craig.

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CHRISTIANS AND THE LORD'S DAY

First, every Sunday should include some rest. Actual tests have proved that the person who rests on Sunday gets more done during the rest of the week than the person who works all seven days. Those who work continually bring on themselves frayed nerves and broken minds and bodies. To fail to take time to rest is to die long before our time.

Second, each well spent Lord's Day should have some time for worship. I am speaking now of worship and meditation in the church of your choice. "Jesus went to the synagogue on the Sabbath, as was his custom." Roger Williams once said, "A little key may unlock a box wherein lies a bunch of keys." Worship is that little key. It is a universal need. Life is too hectic; too often it is shot to pieces and if we are to solve the jigsaw puzzle, we must find time on Sunday to worship.

Finally, our Lord's Day should include opportunities to help other people. When have you last helped someone without regard to reward or money or prestige or popularity? When have you last given up something you had your heart set on to do something for your neighbor? Think how many people today are lonely, how many have broken hearts, how many are invalids to whom a word of personal cheer would be a godsend. You may say, "I haven't time." You have your Sundays. What a wonderful day it could be!

There are so many things wrong with the world. We grumble about it. We complain that the times are out of joint. What if we all spent one hour a week trying to put things right? Get off the bench, leave the sidelines, use parts of your Sunday for correcting existing evils. The place to begin is right in your own community.

Excerpts—Rev. Paul E. Turk



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SUNDAY IS THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

ENTER HEARTILY

Into the observance of Lent this year

1. Observe some form of daily Devotion.
 2. Attend the worship services of the church.
 3. Attend a Class in the Church School.
 4. Seaside, each day, a Lenten Offering.
 5. Be more thoughtful to the needs of others.
- Earnestly practice the Presence of God.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.

Anthem: Choir

Soloist: Mrs. Alan C. Bell

SERMON

"Why Hang On"

Preacher, our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Classes for all age groups. Attend Church School during Lent.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M. — EVERYBODY OUT!

The C.Y.F. group will continue their discussion on Worship. Would like to have as many as possible out to help plan for the meeting on March 9th at which time First Christian C.Y.F. are to be host to the United Christian Youth Group of Fort Wayne.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Miss Carol Wilson and Miss Anita Fitch Co-sponsors. Rehearsals on Saturday Mornings at 11:00 A.M. All youth between ages of 10 years and High School, who enjoy singing are cordially invited to be a part of this Choir.

World Missions Day

THE first Sunday in March is designated by a large number of Protestant churches in America as World Missions Day. On this special day the churches consider their missionary obligation. This year, many congregations will be guided in their thinking by a statement from the world missionary conference held in Willingen, Germany in the summer of 1952. The statement reads, in part:

"The calling of the Church to mission and unity issues from the nature of God Himself, made known to us in the whole Biblical revelation of the work and purpose of God in Christ. God has made of one blood all nations of men. In Christ we see God's redemptive action; in Christ God is still at work reconciling all things to Himself in one restored humanity.

"Christ called His apostles that they might be one with Him and with one another, and that He might send them forth, to share with Him His mission for the redemption of the world. The calling of the Church is to be one family in Him and to make known to the whole world, in word and deed, His Gospel of the Kingdom."

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST were represented at Willingen, because this brotherhood is a part of the world missionary enterprise. Conclusions reached in the Willingen conference will influence the future policies and work of The United Christian Missionary So-

ciety. Through the United Society, Disciples of Christ are at work on ten mission fields abroad. These fields are the Belgian Congo, Argentina, Paraguay, Jamaica, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, Japan, India and Thailand. In addition, the United Society has representatives serving in Europe and the Union of South Africa.

The Gospel of Christ is being taken to other lands by 224 missionaries who serve under the United Society. They are working with more than 2,300 native Christians who have been trained by Disciples of Christ missions.

THE UNITED SOCIETY sponsors 44 mission stations on its ten fields abroad. These stations supervise evangelistic work, foster the organization of churches, operate hospitals, schools, dispensaries and engage in joint programs with other Protestant missions. There are nearly 100,000 Christians in churches of Disciples of Christ on the ten mission fields.

Missionary leaders of the world who met at Willingen last summer affirmed their belief that "The love of God in Christ calls for the three-fold response of worship, unity and mission. These three aspects of the Church's response are interdependent; they become corrupted when isolated from each other." Sharing their conviction, missionary leaders of the brotherhood of Disciples of Christ are calling upon the churches to face their missionary obligation.



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Through World Missions

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ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

March 1	Henry M. Flowers	Robert E. Clipp
March 8	John S. Craig	Albert Egly
March 15	Eural G. Rose	Hugh D. Rice
March 22	James R. Shockney	Wm. H. Crouse
March 29	Dale Parkerson	Dr. A. C. Worley

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

Harold K. Pritchard, Captain, A-46712; J. Hugh Tracey, Robert Working, C. Hendrickson, Ralph Richard, Kenneth Lytle, Dr. R. W. Goebel, A. H. Wise, M. S. Kreps, E. W. Evans, John C. Cole, C. A. Kinzie.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet on Tuesday evening, March 3rd, at 8 p.m.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. E. W. Evans, 932 W. Wildwood on Wednesday afternoon, March 4th at 1:45. Devotions, Mrs. C. F. Durfee; Program, Mrs. Hugh Rice. To remind members, there is to be a "White elephant" sale.

The Rev. Paul Kepple Circle will meet in the Church Parlor on Wednesday afternoon, March 4th at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. M. Wagner and Mrs. Chas. Pennington are co-hostesses.

CONGRATULATIONS! I

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Glenn Miller are proud parents of a little son, Steven Monte, born Friday, February 20th. Babe and Mother are doing fine. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller are the grandparents.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. C. R. McMaken, 3022 South Wayne Avenue, on Friday evening, March 6 at 8 P.M. Mrs. Siples will assist the hostess.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Jeanette Barbier is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, room 420.

TO LIVE IS TO GIVE

Sally Spencer Lindsay

A candle, standing tall and lovely in a blind-dark window,
Gives forth no light until that spark of life
Is held unto its wick. Then suddenly . . . how brightly
It makes the window shine! How welcome-warm its gleaming!
Its life takes on new meaning as it gives itself in light . . .
And waxen drops like tears of pure compassion
For the dark world's needs outside! And even as it beams its last
The smoke arises like a whisper to the throne . . . a prayer.
Touch my life-wick, God, with thy bright torch of love
That I may shine for thee and guide one other
To the giving life . . . then he another,
Until all the windows of the world are ablaze with light!

HOPE OF OUR CIVILIZATION

I urge you to carry with you everywhere you go a sincere and living determination to do what you know must be done for the support of the church of your choice. It is the only hope of our civilization, and you and I have a God-given birthright of a freedom of worship. We must be the men to build a better home, community, nation and a better world upon the blueprint of Spiritual Primacy.

"God builds no churches, but His plan,
That task has been left to man.
God sends no churches from the skies,
Out of men's hearts must they arise.

Today's Heritage—tomorrow's Hope. The Church."

—from an address by Lt. Gov. Franklin Sullivan



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Soloist: Mrs. J. E. Weicker

Anthem: Choir

SERMON

"Shackles and Freedom"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The Lakoda Class: Young adult group meets each Sunday in the church parlor. The leader is J. E. Weicker. Leonard Goode is heading up the membership drive. All young adults are cordially invited. An Evening 5 o'clock program and Social hour is being planned.

MEN'S FORUM 5 to 7 P.M.

This Sunday, it is desired that all men who have had friends join the Church last year to give a special invitation for him to be present at the Forum this Sunday. Mr. W. T. McKay of Bursley and Company, will speak on, "Prayer Groups" in the Church. Special music will be provided.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M. — EVERYBODY OUT!

The C.Y.F. will be hosts to the United Christian Youth of Fort Wayne next Monday evening. A nice program is being planned. Every High School is requested to be present next Sunday evening.

TEACHING THE WAY IN INDIA

Christian teaching is an important part of the work being done by the Disciples of Christ Mission in Central India. When the missionaries first went out to India, more than seventy years ago, they began at once to teach the people. Evangelism was a major concern of the pioneer missionaries, but the opening of schools was one of their first undertakings. They realized that if the people were to be reached by the Christian message with any lasting effect, they must be taught.

MISSION SCHOOLS SPONSORED

In India today, the Disciples of Christ, through The United Christian Missionary Society, are sponsoring fifteen schools in the state of Madhya Pradesh. These schools include primary and secondary grades and one offers courses at the junior college level. During the 1951 term the schools enrolled nearly 2,400 pupils.

Bible study, leadership training in religious education and other types of church work are offered in the mission schools in India, as well as standard courses in mathematics, reading, writing, history, science and health education.

Still another school may be opened by the India Mission in the near future. Through the United Society the mission is now cooperating with British Baptists and British Churches of Christ in the provinces of Surguja and Orissa. A high school is needed in Orissa, where there is no such Christian institution to help young people bridge the gap between middle school and college. The United Society is proposing that a new school be built and educational work started in Orissa as soon as funds permit.

NEW INDIA NEEDS TRAINED LEADERS

Leonard Theological Seminary in Jabalpur is a union school in which the Disciples of Christ cooperate with three other Protestant mission boards. Nine Disciples of Christ ministerial students were enrolled in this seminary in 1951, preparing themselves for lives of service to the churches in India. The mission schools are playing a vital role in training young people for work in the new India, where an aggressive national leadership is imperative for the future of Christian work.

One man teaches another to write at the Disciples of Christ Mission House, Mungeli, M.P., India. (Cover photo by William D. Hall)



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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Montgomery Circle will meet in the Church Parlor Tuesday evening, March 10th at 7:30. Mrs. F. M. Moody and Mrs. H. W. Crowder are co-hostesses. Mrs. A. C. Worley will give a book review, and Devotions by Mrs. Don Eyer.

The Huber Circle will meet with Mrs. Cecil Rice, 1819 Kentucky Ave., on Thursday, March 12, at 2:00 P.M. Devotions will be given by Mrs. Myona Binkley; Program, by Mrs. Dale Parkerson and Mrs. E. L. Harris.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Ethel Richhart, 214 Maumee Ave. on Monday evening, March 9th at 7:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. F. E. Parker.

The Evening Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. C. Robinson, 2602½ S. Hanna St., Monday evening, March 9th.

SPECIAL ADVANCE NOTICE

Fort Wayne Council of Church Women Morning Coffee meeting at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, Clinton St. on Wednesday, March 18 at 9:30 A.M.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY

The Progressive Class are giving a party on Friday evening, March 6 at 7:30 P.M. in the Church Parlor. We especially invite our new members to attend and cordially invite all our members to bring guests. Miss Sarah Shroyer will show pictures of her travels.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The flowers last Sunday were given by Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien for the Sanctuary. The flowers this Sunday will be furnished by the Come Double Class. If you desire to furnish flowers see that your name is on the Flower Calendar.

YOU ARE INVITED

St. David Society of Fort Wayne—The Welch of this area are having a dinner and entertainment at this Church **March 14, 1953 at 6:30 P.M.** You will hear music—if you come—in the way it should be sung and only as the Welch can sing. Graciously this dinner and entertainment is open to members of this Church. The dinner is \$1.50 per plate which all goes to our Women's Organization. Tickets may be had from Charles Fuchshuber or the Church Office.

MONDAY, MARCH 9th

Evangelistic Conferences for the Christian Churches of this Area will be held at the First Christian Church at Marion. The Conference for ministers is at 3:00 P.M. Dinner at 5:30 P.M. Evening Meeting at 7:30 P.M. Many are expected from this Church, especially those who do Visitation Evangelism should make a special effort.

OTHERS

Our men have been calling on behalf of new members. March 15-22 has been set aside as a special time for Visitation Evangelism this month.



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MARCH 15 - 22 — VISITATION EVANGELISM

FACING THE GREAT PRIVILEGES OF 1953

OVER ONE THOUSAND PROSPECTS FOR

OUR CHURCH LIVE SOUTH OF RUDISILL BOULEVARD

AND HUNDREDS THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND SURROUNDING AREAS!

WHAT MAKES FIRST CHRISTIAN ATTRACTIVE?

A. FROM A PRACTICAL POINT OF VIEW

1. On the main street of Fort Wayne, South Calhoun. 2. Almost unlimited parking space. 3. A modern Church building. (1) Airconditioned. (2) comfortable seating. (3) public address system. Ear phones for hard of hearing.

(4) There is a ramp for those in wheel chairs. (5) A nursery in charge of a Registered Nurse for babies and little children. (6) Excellent lighting. (7) Recreation, "gym," fellowship hall, stage and parlor. (8) Beauty and inspiration in the religious design of the church. 4. Excellent educational building with finest recreational facilities.

B. FROM A SPIRITUAL POINT OF VIEW

1. The First Christian Church takes seriously the most important program of the Church, the enlistment of men, women and youth as disciples of Christ. 2. Who are the isciples of Christ of which Communion the First Christian Church is a part? They constitute the most unique of the larger bodies of the Protestant faith. Originating as a people in the early 19th Century.

Their chief characteristic from the beginning has been the advocacy of Christian Union upon a non-theological basis. No denomination advocated union at that time. The Disciples of Christ have never had an official authority over the local churches. The movement is neither Trinitarian or Unitarian. The teachings are biblical and the biblical interpretation has followed the methods of the best scholarship and common sense reasonableness.

The Church is Concerned in Cities

THE brotherhood of Disciples of Christ is developing a concern for its churches and members who are located in cities of more than 25,000 population.

The International Convention of Disciples of Christ, meeting at Chicago in 1952, approved a resolution on the inner city church. This resolution cited work with urban churches as a "top priority home mission responsibility." Brotherhood agencies were asked to redouble their efforts to establish churches in sections of cities where many people were unchurched. The need for "an intelligent strategy" in urban areas was made plain in the resolution.

ACCORDINGLY, the department of church development and evangelism of The United Christian Missionary Society is providing field help and counsel on urban church problems. City associations of Christian churches and a number of congregations and pastors located in cities are making use of this guidance in studying their communities, locating their buildings and planning their programs. State missionary societies are working closely with

their urban churches. Churches are being aided financially and architecturally by the Board of Church Extension, as a means of evangelizing the cities more effectively.

In the effort to develop an urban strategy, churches and agencies are recognizing these factors:

- A city church must know its own city—trends in building, the economic level of its people, their major occupations and predominant age levels.
- The city pastor must know how to meet the problem of loneliness in the city—the value of groups working together in fellowship as an antidote for the coldness of the city.
- The city congregation must cooperate with other churches and other faiths, knowing that what one church does in their city makes a difference in the work of all churches.

BY DEALING with these phases of urban strategy, churches of the Disciples of Christ are seeking to reach the dwellers in cities of 25,000 and more population.



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This group has become a Communion of two million members ranking in size in Indiana and fifth in size in America. Hailing Jesus as the Head of the Church, His life is deemed as the test. 3. First Christian Church, as all churches of this Communion, put the worship of God central — and following the traditions of the Church of the New Testament celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday. In its over 81 years of history in Fort Wayne there has been no exception to this rule. The preaching of the Gospel has an important place and this, augmented by a fine choir and a three manual organ, gives a real atmosphere for prayer and worship.

5. Education, in light and attractive class rooms of the modern educational building, is interpreted in terms of personal growth. The materials used are educationally sound and pupil centered. In this environment there are real opportunities for creative and progressive work with our pupils who range from beginners to adults.

There is also the unconscious education as expressed in symbols of architecture, art windows, in and out of the Sanctuary.

6. The First Christian is a church of warm fellowship where fine friendships are developed. There is a close relation between the pastor and people between the large Official Board of 73 members and the membership by means of a carefully developed functional program.

First Christian has been an integral part of the life of our City. With cordial good will we extend a sincere invitation to serious and religious minded people not only to attend worship and the many social and educational opportunities of this great Church, but an even more earnest invitation to become a part of this great fellowship as members who can share in this great work of making Christ's way of life known to men by bringing them under the sway of His love.

SUNDAY IS THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.

Sermon: "Beyond the Tumult"

Anthem: Choir

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The Pastor's Class will meet this Saturday at 2:00 P.M.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M. — EVERYBODY OUT!

The Youth of our Church did excellently as hosts to the members of the United Christian Youth Movement of Fort Wayne.

On April 17th a banquet for Young people. It will be guest night. High School and Junior High Young people will participate. Dike Eddleman will be guest speaker. **Also in April** Our Church will be hosts to Youth Meet.

THE NURSERY

The nursery has beautiful cornices and curtains. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morrical were the prime movers in this project.

PULPIT FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers for March 15, are furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Clay Orchard. Flower Calendar offers additional opportunity.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Executive Committee of the Christian Women's Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, March 17, at 7:30 P.M. at the Church.

The Annual Sacrificial Service will be held on Palm Sunday evening.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Rehearsals Saturday at 11:00 A.M. All youth between ages of 10 years and High School are cordially invited to be a member of this choir. Miss Carol Wilson and Miss Anita Fitch are co-directors.

CHURCH NOTE PAPER

Order yours. See Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, A-56922; Mrs. N. Heller, H-1490; Mrs. W. H. Imbody, H-40982; Mrs. F. W. Rousseau, H-17754 of Kepple Circle.



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SUNDAY IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS WITHIN YOU

There is no way to attain happiness except the way which leads to the happiness of others. Jesus is the key to happiness; He went around doing good. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." A clean mind and a sound body help attain happiness, as does a pure heart and a clean conscience, a Christian home, and creative work for which we have real aptitude. But our happiness is not complete until we share it with others; for after all, happiness is a by-product.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.

Anthem: Choir

Mr. Harold Bowker, Soloist

Sermon: "Getting What You Want"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

9:15 to 9:30 A.M. Music over Public Address System.

Goals for Palm Sunday and Easter to be made in Departments and Classes.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M. — EVERYBODY OUT!

Each Sunday evening there are programs for worship, discussion and social fellowship.

PRAYER GROUPS

The first of a number of prayer groups which it is hoped will be formed among our membership will meet this Friday morning for breakfast at the YMCA at 7:30 o'clock for one hour. After you obtain tray with food at Patio take same to the Ship's Cabin room which has been reserved for First Christian. Francis W. Edgerton is the leader of this group.

Evangelism in Argentina

EVANGELISM is gradually producing results in the Latin American republic of Argentina, though Protestant efforts are faced with several major obstacles. A general indifference to religion of any kind looms large as one of these barriers to evangelistic work.

For more than three centuries the Roman church has been at work in Latin America and has many followers. But until recently it has made few attempts to improve the life of the people or create a moral foundation within its adherents. Being a state church, closely tied with the civil governments, it has been able to hold the people in powerful control denying them the privilege of freedom of conscience.

Facing these tremendous barriers, Protestant evangelical missions have persevered and slowly developed a fine core of Christian leadership. A number of the churches have found strength in cooperation. In Argentina, for example, joint work is being done through The Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, Confederation of Churches of the River Plate area, Argentine League of Evangelical Women, and annual interdenominational young peoples conferences. Disciples of Christ missionaries, pastors and lay people take part in all of these efforts. Another strong point in evangelical work in Latin America has been the coupling of churches

with programs of education, social service and health care. The five Argentine churches of Disciples of Christ offer varied services to their neighborhoods, including kindergartens and clinics. These churches also take a lively interest in home mission projects in other parts of Argentina. Two such projects are the preaching points and social work programs at Tablada, a settlement on the outskirts of Buenos Aires, and Barranqueras, in northern Argentina.

In 1953 there are six Disciples of Christ missionaries assigned to Argentina under the United Christian Missionary Society. These educators and evangelists are helping the Argentine Christians to develop a work so vital that it challenges even the Roman church to a greater work.

THERE are slightly more than 400 members enrolled in the churches of Disciples of Christ in Argentina, but the true worth of the Disciple Mission can be seen only as it is viewed as a part of the whole Protestant community—as it shares in the total impact being made upon society by the Evangelical movement. The Mission shares through Christian social service, educational work and church development.

Cover photo from *Black Star*: The Villa Mitre Christian Church in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



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DELEGATIONS

Every week delegations come to view our Church. Last week there were delegations from Garrett, Indiana; Sheridan, Ohio; The Broadripple Church, Indianapolis, and the Christian Church in Richmond, Indiana. The First Baptist Church is installing a Public Address system in their Sanctuary similar to ours. A delegation visited our Church to inspect our system.

THE CO-CHAIRMAN COUPLES

The Co-Chairman Couples for this year are Mr. and Mrs. Eural G. Rose, Chairman; Mr. and Mrs. John E. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kernan, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Merle F. Morkoetter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Working and Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Johnson.

EVANGELISM

Every evening Monday through Friday our men have been going two by two. Ladies from Christian Women's Fellowship are serving the suppers.

A SALUTE

To Edward Ashton and the members of the Welsh Society who held their St. David's Dinner here last Saturday. There were 250 at tables. The Christian Women's Fellowship served the dinner.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express sympathy to Mrs. Amy Shawhan in the loss of her sister.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Mrs. Cora Kover, who passed away on Monday of this week. Mrs. Kover was a loyal and faithful member of First Christian for many years.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Laura Sherer and Mrs. Irene Hamman in the recent loss of a sister-in-law, Mrs. Roy Minser.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mr. Albert Egly, who fell recently and suffered a fractured foot, is now quite ill at his home.

Mrs. Jeanette Barbier is some better at this writing. She is in the Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Lewis Groves is still quite ill at Methodist Hospital.

NOTES

Mrs. John Craig is sponsoring a drive for funds to purchase DRAPES and CORNICES for the Church Nursery. Parents of infants are urged to support this drive. Donations from others who might be interested in helping with this project will be gratefully received.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers for March 22 are to be furnished by Mrs. Robert T. Beck. in memory of her mother, Mrs. Charles R. Bromley.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Children from 9 years to High School age are invited to attend rehearsals on Saturday mornings at 11:00 A.M. Miss Carl Wilson and Miss Anita Fitch are co-directors.

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SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.

Anthem: Choir

Duet: Mrs. J. E. Weicker and Mrs. Robert E. Cocherille

Sermon: "Which Way Are You Going"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Parade of The Palms by the Children

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Goals set for Palm Sunday: 325. Be sure to see your prospects for the Church School.

C.Y.F. 6:30 P.M.

At 2:30 P.M. Planning Conference. Leaders from surrounding communities will meet to complete program for Youth Meet.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE — 7:30 P.M.

Sponsored by The Christian Women's Fellowship. Mrs. Joseph Milner, National Director of Church and Community Service of the Department of Social Welfare of The United Christian Missionary Society will be the speaker.

Mrs. Alan Bell, with violin obligato, accompanied by Mrs. Robert M. Scott at the piano will bring special music.

Mrs. Milner received her training at Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., at the College of The Bible. She has had wide experience in the field of Community Relations, former Secretary of Y.M.C.A. at Tulsa Oklahoma. Teacher at Livingstone Academy in Tennessee and was assistant to the pastor of the Third Christian Church in Indianapolis. Mrs. Milner is a speaker of marked ability.

Mrs. H. W. Sigrist is in charge of the worship service assisted by Mrs. E. L. Harris and Mrs. Maude Thurman. Mrs. Robert T. Beck is Program chairman. Mrs. Charles Dare is President of the Christian Women's Fellowship. The Sacrificial offering will be taken.

“Lovest Thou Me? Feed My Sheep”

“**Y**OU KNOW that I love you,” said Peter. “Feed my sheep,” said the Master. Christ scarcely needed to say to Peter, “Feed my sheep—be helpful to those for whom I died.” For when Peter realized his sincere love for Christ he also realized his mission. There was henceforth no more choosing of his own way. He had identified himself with Christ and he was anxious and grateful for the opportunity of becoming, like his Master, a shepherd of the sheep. He realized that the test of his professed love for Christ was service to him and he was anxious to begin that service.

As the Chief Shepherd commissioned Peter, so he commissions each one who confesses him as Lord—even you and me. If our love is more than sentiment we too will be eager to feed the sheep. Paul said, “For the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.”

“Feed my lambs,” said Christ. He put first the lambs, the young ones, those not responsible for their own condition. Literally millions of little lambs today, helpless amid hostile circumstances of life, show marks of hunger, poverty, disease. More tragic still, they lack the knowledge of Him who would claim them for His own. These must be fed.

CHRIST said a second time, “Tend my sheep.” Millions live in frustration and confusion because they know not their Savior. Guide the sheep to rest, to green pastures, and to still waters. Some, having confessed their Lord, disregard his teachings. Guide the last ones who have willfully strayed from the fold. Men prey upon men, because the love of God is not in their hearts. Guide and love even the enemies of the sheep, and bring these, too, into the fold of everlasting mercy.

Peter was given the commission, “Feed my sheep,” a third time. Nourish the whole flock, Christ is saying. Feed my sheep who are near, about your home; but remember also that I have other sheep—in Argentina, Africa, China, India, Jamacia, Japan, Mexico, Paraguay, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Thailand, and in the uttermost parts of the world. These too, I leave in your care.

(This meditation was written by a minister's wife for 1953 Easter Week of Prayer services.)



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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Paul Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, 926 W. Wildwood on April 1, at 1:30 P.M.

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, 6502 S. Calhoun St. on April 1, at 9:00 A.M. Mrs. E. W. Evans will present the program. The topic, "Disciples Missions at Monieka and Lotumbe." Mrs. J. C. Koegel will give the devotions.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Charles R. Chambers has been ill and was temporarily in the Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Barnett is unwell at her home, 1308 E. Wayne Street.

Dr. and Mrs. Russell W. Goebel are the proud parents of a new little son.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hirschy have a new little daughter.

LOOK TO EASTER

As we come to Palm Sunday, surely there are on our hearts people, who are not members of the Church and should be. Some of them read these words. Others are being visited by the men of our Church. How the values of the Church are needed today. You may be the link that could join them to our beloved fellowship and be a blessing to them and the Church.

If you are too hesitant to speak personally, call the name into the Church. Our fine Evangelism teams will receive these names. Don't let this matter go by default. This is too important in this time when many of our cherished Christian values are in jeopardy in our world.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The Candlelight Services will be held in our Church on Thursday evening, April 2, at 7:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary.

Holy Week services will be held each day, Monday through Thursday at the Paramount Theatre with Russell Jay Humbert, D.D., LL.D., President, DePauw University as guest speaker.

Good Friday services will be held at the Paramount Theatre.

Also, At Crescent Avenue E.U.B., Church, First Christian Church, South Wayne E.U.B. Church, Trinity Methodist Church and Turner Chapel, A.M.E.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers in Palm Sunday will be furnished by Tom and Alex Campbell.

NOTES

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EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies should be in the Church on Saturday, April 4th.



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EASTER GREETINGS

It is striking fact about the Resurrection that Jesus never appeared to His enemies but only to those who loved Him. To His friends He returned so convincingly that they had seen His body again and heard His voice.

But there is no record that He ever came back to His enemies. He did not confront Caiaphas and say to him and his colleagues, "Well here I am alive again, hale and hearty, ready to drive more money changers out of the Temple." He never walked into Pilate's judgment hall . . . No, to all the unbelieving multitude He was dead.

Only to those who loved Him did He appear in the upper room, the Emmaus Road, beside the sea, or on the crest of Olivet.

It is just as true today! Only to those who really love Him is Christ really risen. But if you love Him you will find Him an ever-present Comrade, an "eternal contemporary".

Abridge—A. W. Palmer.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.

Anthem: Choir

Glorious Easter Music
Soloist: Mrs. J. E. Weicker

Sermon: Easter Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Meet our high goals in attendance and in offering. Be present this Sunday.

C.Y.F. 6:30 P.M.

A call to all youth on Easter. An Easter evening program you will like. Bonnie Fusselman will preside. David Griggs, adult sponsor.

LILIES

Get your lilies in the Church on Saturday morning if possible. Many will be brought as memorials.

NEWCOMERS

Mrs. Gail Roe is sending greetings for the Church with an invitation to attend services to newcomers in Fort Wayne. This is a fine and needed service she is doing.

The Easter Message

Christ has been made known to the world through his disciples ever since the resurrection morning. The story of the resurrection itself was revealed by those who knew and loved Jesus. When he arose from the tomb, the historians of his day did not record the story. It was the little group of Christians who had known and loved him that gave the message to the world.

“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel, and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered unto the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise.’ And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.”—Luke 24:1-9

Today, the only interpretation of Jesus which the world's many peoples will understand is that which comes from Christian fellowship. The world still looks to those who know him and love him for the message which proclaims the truth of Easter, “Jesus lives.” On mission fields everywhere, Christ's followers are telling the Easter story. In Africa, in Asia, in western lands and islands of the seas, Christians are spreading the good news of the risen, living Christ. Demonstrating his way of life, Christians make clear God's revelation of eternal hope for all, through the central fact of Easter—the resurrection.



He is Risen

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NEW MEMBERS

We know from experience that there are few deeper joys than that of guiding others in their decision for Christ and His Church.

Teams are still calling on prospects but no invitation is quite so good as your own to an acquaintance or friend. New members are coming Sunday by Sunday. Every member should help in this glorious work.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGavian Circle will meet with Mrs. Edward Ashton, 1006 Runnion Ave., on Wednesday, April 8, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. C. W. Winfield will give devotions and Mrs. R. R. Ripple will present the program.

The Huber Circle will meet Thursday, April 9th at :00 P.M. at the Historical Museum, 1424 Swinney Park. Mrs. H. W. Sigrist will give the devotions. Mrs. Dale Parkerson and Mrs. E. L. Harris will present the program. Chapters from the study book, "African Heritage". Mrs. Kenneth Dibble. "Disciples Missions at Lotumbe".

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

- April 5, Preston H. Somers, John Z. Berlien
12, Harold W. Crowder, Floyd E. Morrical
19, Gail J. Roe, Owen O. Vaught
26, Robert E. Clipp, Henry M. Flowers

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Captain Earl T. Fusselman, A-56922; William P. Vunora, Carter D. Palmer, Homer H. Stevenson, Mark H. Crouse, George R. Bruckman, J. E. Weicker, William C. Robinson, Paul A. Strawser, W. Harry Imbody, David A. Griggs, Fred H. Wilson.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet on Tuesday evening, April 7 at 8 o'clock.

CHANCEL FLOWERS FOR EASTER

The Chancel roses and lilies are given by Hugh Tracey in memory of his wife whose birthday is April 5th.

The Flowers in the vases are an Easter Gift from Mrs. Mittie Warner in Pennsylvania. Other lilies will be given as memorials.

AMONG OUR SICK

Miss Dorothy Murphy is a patient in Methodist Hospital having undergone surgery.

Mrs. Walter Richwine is ill at her home 1317 E. Wayne St.

Mrs. Jeanette Barbier's condition is about the same.

Mr. Albert Egly is still quite ill at his home.



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FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST

Great Easter in our Church, in Church School and Morning worship. Near 1200—over \$1,500.00 received. And best of all many came to confess Christ and were received into the Church.

Our great congregation is on the march. Now to Pentecost—a great period for stewardship, Evangelism and a closer walk with God.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.

Anthem: Choir
Soloist: Mrs. L. A. Horn
Preacher: Our Pastor

Sermon: "What Do You Like About Christianity"

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Be present this Sunday.

C.Y.F. 6:30 P.M.

Keep in mind the banquet on April 17th at 6 p.m.

MEN'S FORUM

Sunday Evening, April 12, 5 to 7 P.M.

Charles R. Cook to be the guest speaker, His topic: "The Wonders of Pharmacy." Music provided by Mr. O. E. Ogden. James R. Shockney will preside.

FAMILY NIGHT AND PRAYER MEETING — THURSDAY, APRIL 30th

The Friday morning Prayer group is sponsoring a Family supper and Prayer meeting on Thursday, April 30th. Mr. John Merrill and Mr. Harold Crowder will have charge of the program. Mr. Francis W. Edgerton is chairman of the Prayer Group. Mr. Paul Strawser is in charge of Friday Morning Prayer Group this Friday.

Green Pastures

The Farm at Southern Christian Institute

MEN ARE NEAR to God when working with the soil. There is dignity in labor and men find spiritual satisfaction in serving others with their own hands. These principles are being taught at Southern Christian Institute, the Disciples of Christ home missions school for Negro young people near Edwards, Mississippi.

On the school farm at S.C.I., boys are being shown how to produce good crops and fine cattle. Through their work program these students are helping to support themselves while in school. More than that, they are providing food for other students and teachers. At the same time, they are learning productive farming methods which they can use on their own land after leaving school. Girls also work, canning the farm produce or helping to prepare it for daily meals in the school dining hall.

FARM and kitchen duties are a part of the S.C.I. regular work program which permits students to ~~work one full year to~~ pay their expenses for a full year of study. A number of boys and girls who could not otherwise attend school beyond the first eight grades, are living on the campus, attending high school and junior college and enjoying the privileges of Christian training under a religiously committed teaching staff. The bi-racial faculty at S.C.I. is making a splendid contribution to racial and cultural understanding by living and working with Negro young people in this section of the United States. Both students and faculty, with a few of the school's neighbors, attend church services each Sunday in the school chapel.

Southern Christian Institute and its surrounding communities are to be studied during 1953 by a group of educators and brotherhood leaders. The United Christian Missionary Society, which sponsors S.C.I. is conducting the study in an effort to determine ways in which this school may better serve both youth and their communities.

Cover photo from *Black Star*—Dr. John Long, president of S.C.I. and B. L. Jacobs, farm superintendent, look across the S.C.I. pastureland.



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YOUTH BANQUET APRIL 17th

The Youth banquet will be on Friday evening, April 17 at 6 P.M. "Dike" Eddleman of Zollner Piston fame is to be the guest speaker. Our youth are contacting many young people of the city inviting them to this dinner when the new program for Youth in First Christian Church will be announced. Every young person of High School and Junior High age should not only be present but bring a guest. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, April 15th. The dinner committee is headed by Mrs. Henry Flowers.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Evening Guild will meet Monday night, April 13 at the home of Miss Anita Fitch, 128 E. State Blvd. Program on "Africa" by Mrs. Robert T. Beck.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Wm. Tracey, 804 Colerick St. on Monday night, April 13 at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Irene Cline will give the devotions and Mrs. Wise will review the book, "The Silver Chalice."

EASTER FLOWERS

The Rose plants were in memory of Patrick Gibson and Harry Gibson from Mrs. Esther Gibson, Mrs. Betty Klotz and Mrs. Virginia Franz.

A lily was in memory of Mr. C. R. Sargent from Mrs. Sargent and family.

A lily in memory of Ray Woodhull by Mrs. Ray Woodhull and Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull.

The Hydrangea plant was given by the Mark Crouse Family.

A lily was given by Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Beck honoring Mr. and Mrs. William Beck.

The lilies in the standards were presented by Mrs. Mittie Warner.

The white roses and several lily plants were from J. H. Tracey in memory of his wife.

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Watch for your new birthday calendar. Come Double Class is sponsoring this project.

IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express sincerest sympathy to Lewis Groves, Mrs. Beatrice Fitch, Mrs. Anna Hirschy and their families in the recent loss of dear wife and sister, Mrs. Rosetta Groves. Mrs. Groves has been a member of First Christian for many years.

CHANCEL FLOWERS FOR APRIL 12

The Chancel Flowers for Sunday, April 12 are given by Mr. Wm. E. Tracey, honoring his wife on her birthday.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Robert Working's father is seriously ill in St. Joseph's hospital.

Mrs. T. D. Eddleman is quite ill at her home, 4424 Lillie Street.

NOTES

A man's topcoat was left at the Church and another taken by mistake. Please check your coat.



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"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

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ON TO PENTECOST

The Birthday of the Church was marked by the earnest desire of the disciples to bear witness of their Master. This impulse to witness—to speak for God—is a manifestation of God's urging and should be heeded. Every convert is expected to evangelize others. No greater joy can come to a new member than to win another. If any evade his responsibility to influence by speech and deed, another to be a member of Christ's Church the work of Christ is curbed.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.

Sermon: "The Big Handicap"

Anthem by Choir

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Be in your Class next Sunday.

Many New Members last Sunday.

Many more should be added.

C.Y.F. 6:30 P.M.

We shall be hosts to this Area of Young people **Sunday, April 26th**. Over 150 young people are expected. Mrs. Saphronia Richards of Liberia, in Fort Wayne on a Ford Fellowship, will be one of the Speakers. Our ladies are furnishing supper. Registration and supper \$1.00. Not only know Christian young people of other communities, but be a good host or hostess to our guests.

FAMILY NIGHT AND PRAYER MEETING — THURSDAY, APRIL 30th

The Friday morning Prayer group is sponsoring a Family supper and Prayer meeting on Thursday, April 30th. Mr. John Merrill and Mr. Harold Crowder will have charge of the program. Mr. Francis W. Edgerton is chairman of the Prayer Group.

Easter to Pentecost

FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND VICTORY

Churches are now making the post-Easter period one of spiritual life and victory. There is much rejoicing over the many new-born souls in the church as a result of Easter season evangelism. They have been raised to walk in the new life. They must be nurtured and developed in the Christian life.

New church members ask, "What are we to do to live as Christians and to serve our Lord?"

Easter to Pentecost stewardship teaching and commitment answers their questions and their needs. Stewardship leads to an acknowledgment that our lives and all that we have are trusts from God to be used according to His purpose. This is expressed in the use of definite Christian proportions of time and income to the work of the Lord.

TITHING IS EMPHASIZED

The most ancient, yet most accepted standard of giving is that of the tithe, or the tenth of one's income. With no sense of legalism, a great number of Christians in all communions are finding spiritual satisfaction and victory in beginning their giving with the tithe. As they grow and face the needs of the world, many Christians add offerings in the spirit of the cross.

The Director of Stewardship of Unified Promotion has sent to every church among the Disciples of Christ a packet of materials on stewardship and tithing. Each Christian is asked to give serious thought to tithing and to make a definite commitment before Pentecost, May 24.

Christ in Congo

I saw The Christ walk in Congo
Hospital, church and school
Were doors to lives He entered
To bless, and grace, and rule.

I saw Him smile in Congo
When converts, hundreds strong,
Marched from baptismal water
With voices raised in song.

I heard Christ sing in Congo—
A thousand Christians sang,
And jungle hearts were lifted,
As heavenly anthems rang.

I sensed His hurt in Congo—
Wide open doors passed by
As men and means were lacking
To hear Need's plaintive cry.

I heard Christ weep in Congo—
A thoughtless church at home
Had failed in Christian stewardship
To help His kingdom come.

Spencer P. Austin

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TREES

This is the time of year to plant trees. What a grand thing to do. Scarlet maples whose leaves are so beautiful in the Fall. Silver maples are also beautiful. Magnolias can be planted. These grow more beautiful through the years. Homer Koomler has been using this equipment. The evergreen, blue spruce, was given by Mr. Berlien. It is a big job to transplant a tree of such size. Many helped: Wm. Crouse, Hugh Rice, Merle Rice, Wm. Tracey, Henry Flowers, Lloyd and Dwight Flowers, and many others. Gradually our Church grounds are making a fine setting for our magnificent building.

ORCHIDS

To Mrs. Charles Dare, Mr. and Mrs. John Berlien, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Paul Strawser, George Bruckman, and others working every week to make our church beautiful.

HONORING THOSE WHO DID VISITATION EVANGELISM

Mr. F. W. Edgerton, Mr. Clay Orchard, Mr. E. R. Baker, Mr. J. H. Tracey, Mr. F. E. Morrical, Mr. Delmas Young, Mr. Bert W. Leversee, Mr. C. Yoquelet, Mr. Donald Coffman, Mr. H. W. Crowder, Mr. Glenn Miller, Mr. H. H. Stevenson, Mr. Vaughn Brickley, Mr. C. Hendrickson, Mr. Hugh Rice, Mr. E. G. Rose, Mr. John S. Craig, Mr. J. E. Wicker, Mr. Bret R. Young, Mr. Alan C. Bell, Mr. James R. Shockney, Walter Birkhold and Henry J. Flowers.

Visitation will continue on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The regular meeting of the C.W.F. will be held on Tuesday evening, April 21st, at 7:30 P.M. in the Church Parlor. The Evening Guild is in charge of devotions, to be given by Mrs. Wm. Conrad. The Higdon and Esther Circles will serve refreshments. The topic for the program will be "Hymns and their Stories" presented by members of the Montgomery Circle.

The Christian Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a RUMMAGE SALE, April 28 and 29th. Please bring your rummage to the room, or leave it in the church basement before the 27th.

C.W.F. SPRING INSTITUTE April 29th at Stroh Christian Church. Take a sack lunch and attend this inspiring meeting. The Host Church women will serve a hot drink. The meeting is from 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

A NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

David Lee, born Thursday, April 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. Meldren S. Kreps. Babe and mother are doing nicely.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Richwine was slightly improved.

Mrs. Emilio Hernandez, daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clendennen, is at Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Hiler is ill at her home.

Mrs. Henry Vernard has been ill.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers for April 19 will be given by Miss Donna Leversee.

A BEAUTIFUL GIFT

The Communion Table pieces, consisting of Cross, two Candlesticks, Chalice, Cup and table cover were given as a gift to the Church by Miss Verna Sullivan as a memorial to her mother. We appreciate these thoughtful and beautiful gifts.

OUR SYMPATHY

The father of Mr. P. A. Rayburn has died at Washington, Iowa. Mr. Rayburn's father was a judge in that city. We join Mr. Rayburn in his sense of loss and extend to him our deep sympathy.



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Sometimes we are disappointed when we find narrowness sectarianism and indifference in the Church, when there are so many challenges facing humanity's right to live. But those who live closest to the Church can find no institution that can duplicate it.

Harry Emerson Fosdick puts the matter vividly:

Do you want a man to sink his life in an Indian tribe, or in a slum in New York, to run a hospital under the Arctic Circle in Alaska, or a school in the jungles of Africa?

Do you want a man of high heritage, culture and education to do it? Do you want a man to do it without hope of earthly reward, no money except bare subsistence, no comfort in an inhospitable situation? Where will you look for that man?

You will look to the Church. The noblest men and women I have known have had their roots in the Church . . . When my children grow up I want the Church around them. I wish it were better than it is; but even so, I want it around my children.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.

Anthem by Choir
Soloist, Mrs. Alan Bell

Sermon: "What Do Other People Get From You"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

The Church School is growing. The Classes are asked to report the number of new members since the First of the Year.

THURSDAY 6:00 P.M.

Thursday Evening Prayer Supper 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.
Sandwiches, Desert and Coffee — Come!

America Needs Strong Rural Churches

"The only sure defense against a bad influence or a bad trend," says Herman N. Morse, "is to release a good influence or start a good trend." In illustration of this apt statement he cites Matthew B. McNutt's first pastorate. McNutt went to Illinois after graduation from McCormick Seminary to take a pastorate in a rural community. In this community was a roadside dancehall, frowned on by the elders as an evil influence. They explained to the pastor that they had forbidden the young people of the church, on threat of expulsion, to frequent this place. Nevertheless, it had continued to thrive. They urged the young minister to preach against it. This he never did. Instead, he organized and directed wholesome recreational opportunities for the young people. In due time the dance hall failed and closed its doors for lack of patronage.

The careful student of rural life will note that there are bad trends and influences in rural America today. He will further note that the church is in a strategic position to help reverse some of these trends and influences.

Carl C. Taylor of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has outlined four consistent long-time trends in American rural life as follows:

1. There is a steadily diminish-

ing percentage of American people living on farms.

2. There is a steady long-time trend of increasing intermingling of agriculture and other occupations.

3. There is a decline in the operation of the agricultural ladder as a method of gaining farm ownership and as a means of insuring economic and social security.

4. There is a constant shift from dependence on local, simple face-to-face, neighborhood types of association, to non-local, complex, relatively impersonal types of organizations and contacts.

Mr. Taylor made these observations in "*New Facts About Rural Life*," an address given before the National Convocation on Church in Town and Country in 1946.

Every one of these trends listed by Mr. Taylor is making it more difficult for rural communities to survive. When the community is struggling to survive, the institutions that serve the community, struggle too.

The town and country church with its contact with the people of the rural areas, is in a strategic position to give spiritual impetus to a movement to conserve the values of community life. It must be a strong church, however, if it is going to make an effective impact.

America needs strong churches in this day of change!

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YOUTH ADULTS AND YOUTH AREA MEET 3:00 P.M.

Registration 2:30 P.M.

Many churches will be represented by the young people as First Christian becomes host to the Spring Meet for Youth and Young Adults.

There will be study groups, recreation, supper, and consecration service led by First Christian Youth. Among the highlights will be an address by Miss Sophronia Richards of Liberia, Africa. Miss Richards is here in Fort Wayne on a Fellowship from Ford Foundation to study our local Y.M.C.A.

ATTENTION! I I

Dr. George P. Howard, the E. Stanley Jones of South America, will preach to us on May 3rd. This will be a great event.

ORCHIDS

To Mrs. Flowers and her group for fine dinner served our First Youth Banquet in the new Church. To our Youth Committee of the Official Board; To our Youth on the program; To "Dike" Eddleman who brought such a fine message. It was a great crowd of young people; To Steven Coleman who sold the most tickets from the Junior High Group (9); To Martha Jeannette Beck who sold the most tickets from the High School Group (11).

BOOSTERS' BOOK BARGAINS ARE BACK

The Booster's Club Book sales are to be resumed immediately and for the first time in the new church. Many newly published books have been added and most are priced at about a third of their retail price. Seventy-five books are available on the book shelves of the Parlor (fireplace room). These include about 20 youth books as well as general fiction, western, mystery and miscellaneous volumes. All of the books have been donated and all proceeds go to the church. Make it a point to visit the BBB (Boosters' Book Bargains) Sunday.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP RUMMAGE SALE

The C.W.F. Rummage Sale will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 28 and 29 at 2028 So. Hanna Street. The McGavran Circle members are in charge of the sale. Please bring your rummage to the room, if at all possible, or to the church basement before next Tuesday.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers for April 26 are presented by Mr. and Mrs. Dale C. Hiler and Family.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Harry G. Hiler is quite ill at her home, 2508 Miner Street.

Mrs. S. E. Merriman, is a patient in St. Joseph Hospital, having undergone surgery last week.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Weicker have the measles.

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FAMILY WEEK, MAY 3 -- MAY 10th

This is the Sunday Families should be together in Church.

DR. GEORGE P. HOWARD

Dr. George P. Howard, a leading authority on Latin America and perhaps the best known Protestant preacher and lecturer in the Spanish tongue in the Southern Continent, will be the guest speaker at the First Christian Church, next Sunday morning. Dr. Howard was born in Argentina, son of Missionaries from the United States. He was educated in Argentina and received academic degrees from Northwestern University and Garrett Biblical Institute. He holds several Honorary doctor's degrees.

He was appointed by the Uruguayan Government as official interpreter at the Pan-American Conference held in 1933 at Montevideo.

His sermon subject for Sunday is: "Destiny Calls the Two Americas".

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.

Anthem by Choir

Soloist: Mrs. J. E. Weicker

Sermon: "Destiny Calls the Two Americas"

Preacher: Dr. George P. Howard

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

C. Y. F. 6:30 P.M.

Evaluation Meeting

Summer Conference Plans

MEN'S FORUM SUNDAY 5 to 7 P.M.

Great Evening

Dr. F. R. Neff, Guest speaker. "Missions Schools and Colleges in Cumberland Mountains." Illustrated by slides and tape recordings.

Mr. O. E. Ogden, directing, youth group of clarinets and saxophones will furnish music.

Good Supper — Good Fellowship — Excellent Program

STATE CONVENTION

Huntington, Indiana 10—14th. Central Christian Church. We have always supported our State Conventions. Many register who cannot go. First Christian supports our co-operative work — Keep up our reputation. Register this Sunday. \$1.00 for adults, 50c for youth. Youth and Men's Program on Sunday afternoon, May 10th. Your pastor is also on the program.

A Christian Foundation for Every Home

Every home needs a Christian foundation. The foundation of the home is made firm when Christ-like attitudes and ideals, such as love, trust, fellowship, neighborliness, good-will and sharing find expression in daily living and practice. When this foundation is secure, persons are sustained amidst the stresses and strains of a complex society in which economic instability prevails, in which war clouds threaten and in which moral standards are weakened or vague.

The home can best lay this Christian foundation. The home plays a tremendously important role in nurturing religious faith and in developing moral character. So the quality of home life becomes a major factor in giving security and abiding confidence to the growing child, to the vigorous youth and to the maturing adult. To help families work on their Christian foundations is a privilege of the Church.

The Church Needs Christian Homes

Families need a place to call home. The church needs homes that have Christian foundations. The home inspires its members with a sense of belonging, awakens within them an awareness that some things are imperishable. It gives them a feeling of being needed, wanted and loved. These are as vital experiences for citizenship as for churchmanship. It is important that the quality of these experiences be Christian.

Our homes may lack many of the gadgets for which we long, but they need not lack the essentials which make a house a Christian home. How we live is much more important than where we live. For regardless of neighborhood Christian ideals, attitudes and faith can be at the heart of our living.

There can be a purpose that will make for peace, happiness, contentment and abundant living because Christ is central in family life. And that, in personal terms, is a Christian foundation for the home.



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ORCHIDS

To sponsor David Griggs and director of activities, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Munro — To Women of the Christian Women's Fellowship who served the supper for Spring Meet when Nine of the churches in Northeast Indiana were represented.

Orchids to Mrs. Gail Roe — Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Horn — To Mrs. Dale Hiler for decorations and special feature on stage — To the Officers of the C. Y. F. and all Youth of Senior and Junior High School who made our Meet such a success.

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Robert Beck, our minister's wife, is in the Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. O. G. Fields is in the Lutheran Hospital.

Carol Yoquelet is at home with the mumps.

Mrs. S. E. Marriman has returned to her home after surgery. She is reported to be doing very nicely.

VISITORS

Many visitors are in our church every Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John Norris of the Newcastle Church was here. Paul Parsons, former officer in the Church was here. Many others from many cities and states. Our Pew monitors are doing a nice piece of work.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

MAY	3	Albert Egly — John S. Craig
	10	Hugh D. Rice — Eural G. Rose
	17	William H. Crouse — James R. Shockney
	24	Dr. A. C. Worley — Dale Parkerson
	31	John Z. Berlien — Preston H. Somers

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Allen Garee, Captain, A-65793; J. E. Tracey, Romane H. Cole, Eppie R. Baker, Merland G. Heller, Clayton Yoquelet, J. L. Brubaker, Harry Griggs, M. L. Crouse, P. A. Rayburn, Bret R. Young, Delmas Young.

If unable to serve please call your Captain.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet Tuesday evening, May 5 at 8:00 P.M.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express deepest sympathy to Harry G. Hiler and Dale C. Hiler and family in the recent loss of dear wife and mother. Mrs. Hiler was a faithful member of First Christian for many years.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Edwin Geerken and her mother, Mrs. Edward Kirby of LaSalle, Illinois, in the recent loss of father and husband. Mr. and Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Geerken were faithful members of this Church while living in Fort Wayne.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The **Kepple Circle** will be hostess to members of the **Dr. Dye Circle** at the home of Mrs. A. C. Worley, 2551 Terrace Road, on Wednesday, May 6, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. J. R. Coar is in charge of the program.

HOSPITALITY CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Robert E. Clipp is Hospital Chairman for May.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers for next Sunday are given by Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Edgerton in memory of their parents and Mr. Edgerton's Uncle.

BOOSTERS' BOOK BARGAINS ARE BACK

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SUNDAY IS MOTHER'S DAY

It is fitting that Family Week should terminate in Mother's Day. It is a solemn thought for any mother to consider not only the satisfaction of motherhood but its great obligation. Emerson put it vividly:

"Men are what their mothers made them."

Wear a flower Sunday honoring your mother, and come to church.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.

Sermon: "Is Your Home Up-To-Date?"

Anthem by Choir

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

STATE CONVENTION

Over 2500 have pre-registered for the State Convention at Huntington, May 10-12th.

Youth Convention is Sunday afternoon. Meeting at the Presbyterian Church.

Indiana Christian Men's Fellowship will have a special session in the First Methodist Church, Sunday afternoon.

The Theme of the Convention is "Through Christian Fellowship We Advance."

Many will attend sessions during the Convention.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Men's Forum is sponsoring a Father and Son's Banquet for the second Sunday in June.

Vacation Church School is being planned for this summer.

Evangelism looking to Pentecost a week of Visitation Evangelism is being planned.

WITH OUR SICK

Mrs. Robert T. Beck, our pastor's wife, is recovering from major surgery at the Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Fred Wilson has been admitted for observation at the Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. P. A. Rayburn is in the Lutheran Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs. and Mrs. F. W. Edgerton are the proud grand-parents of a new grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Edgerton, Jr. of South Bend, Indiana.

CO-CHAIRMAN PARTY

A party for new members and those who have been sick and are well again

Christian Teaching in Thailand

THE hands of missionaries in Thailand are being strengthened by the loving service of hundreds of Christians who were trained in mission schools. This word comes from Mrs. Edna Gish and Mr. and Mrs. George Cherryhomes, Disciples of Christ missionaries to Thailand, under The United Christian Missionary Society.

Schools for boys and girls were opened at Nakon Pathom by the British Churches of Christ in the early days of their Thailand mission. These were the first schools to be organized in this town of the great pagoda. Now, after more than forty years, Christian work is growing in influence through the graduates and former mission school students. The Nakon Pathom work is well known in Christian circles throughout Thailand. The schools founded by the British missionaries have furnished leadership for some of the strongest churches in other parts of the country. Civil service officials and professional leaders trained in the Nakon Pathom mission schools are to be found holding positions of trust in nearly every community in Thailand.

WHEN the American churches of Disciples of Christ undertook cooperative work with the British churches at Nakon Pathom in 1951, they found a well-established mission, respected by the people and with possibilities for expansion through out-stations.

Some of the men and women on the teaching staff of the mission schools serve also as evangelists who go out to villages with the Christian message. They sell scripture portions, interpret the gospel, preach to groups and visit the people in their homes. Other full-time evangelists have come up through the schools, trained by the missionaries for this special work.

In the three schools for Thai and Chinese boys and girls at Nakon Pathom today there are more than 1,400 pupils enrolled, for primary, junior high school and one year of senior high school studies. Group worship and Bible study are a scheduled part of the daily school activities. In the minds and spirits of these Thai and Chinese students is developing the future of the Christian movement in Thailand.

Cover photos: Wat Pra Keo Temple in Bangkok, from Black Star; Mrs. Bamrung Adipat teaching a primary class in the Churches of Christ Mission at Nakon Pathom, Thailand.



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will be held at the Church Thursday evening, May 21st at 7:30 o'clock. A fine program is being planned. Mr. and Mrs. Eural G. Rose are Co-Chairman of these couples.

PEW MONITORS

With Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kinzie as Co-chairman, a program of Pew Monitors is being put into shape. These co-chairmen monitors will see that guests and friends are made to feel welcomed in our morning worship service.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Morkoetter are Co-Chairman Couple for May.

Mrs. Robert E. Clipp is presiding for our Commission on hospitality for the month of May.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers this week are given by Misses Ethel and Sarah Shroyer in memory of their mother.

THANKS

Mrs. Beck wishes to thank so many of you who have given expressions of concern, good wishes and have remembered her in their prayers in these days of crisis in the pastor's home. These Christian acts of love are deeply appreciated.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

This is to remind those who go to the St. Joseph's Hospital that they must notify their pastor, for the hospital sends no notice and consequently your minister does not know you are sick unless he is called.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Huber Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Myona Kinkley, 2130 John St. on Wednesday, May 13th at 2:00 P.M. Mrs. Cecil Rice will give the Devotions. Mrs. Dale Parkerson and Mrs. Fred Wilson will review chapters from the study book, "African Heritage" and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, "The City of Monieka."

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, 926 Lake Ave., Wednesday, May 13 at 1:45 P.M.

The Dr. Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Alma Beck, 9533 E. Wayne St. on Monday evening, May 11th. The Group will hold a "Bible Quiz". Mrs. Cline will talk on our two stations in Africa. There will be a white elephant sale.

MANY GOOD BOOKS AVAILABLE

If you or your boys and girls like books, visit the Boosters' Book Bargains shelves in the Parlor Fireplace Room. Many novels and books on miscellaneous subjects are there for adults, and a score of good books are available for young people eight years or older.

We will appreciate donations of books and magazines such as National Geographic, Holiday, Popular Mechanics, Popular Science and all children's magazines. We wish only magazines good indefinitely . . . not fiction, picture or business magazines. Leave your donations aside from the arranged books so they can be classified and priced. Remember every cent goes to the church!

WELCOME

We cordially welcome into our Church and its fellowship these fine people:

Ward Bundy, Mrs. D. E. Munro, Mrs. Esther Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Bethel W. Breeden and family, Carroll, Marsha and Linda Breeden, James Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Eddleman, O. G. Fox, Mrs. M. F. Morkoetter, Miss Eunice McClymonds, Mrs. H. M. Shulze, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Overby, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Broyles, Julius Clausen, Henry Vernard, Mrs. Laura Gildea, Mrs. Vernon Helton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boner, Miss Minnie Screen, Judith Rice, Beatrice Rice, Merl Rice, John Johnston, Thomas Fountain, Mrs. Glenn Butler, Teresa Eyer, Ellen Crowder, G. B. Elser, Sr., Gerald Elser, Robert E. Carson, Robert Carson, Philip Carson, Orvil Shallenberger, Mrs. Albert Wesling, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lippey, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Linn, Charles Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Herr, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jefferies, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Merriman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Truby, Max Truby, Miss Carole Truby, Ernest Kattas, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Staley, Barbara Staley, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kern, Jack Kern, Miss Geneva Kerr, George W. Dicks, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clevenger, Mrs. Clarence Kroener.



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TWO SUNDAYS TO PENTECOST

The root idea of Christianity is men and women carrying on Christ's work. Christians do their duty and leave the events to God. Our first concern is to do what God would have us do. Our power is commensurate with our comradeship with Christ. From this point of view prayer and worship are important. They are responsibilities—duties—we must not neglect.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Sermon: "Prayer"

Anthem by Choir
Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Children's Day Program for June 7th

C. Y. F. 6:30 P.M.

Plans are being made now for young people's conference at Lake Barbee.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

July 4-5

Portland, Oregon

Why not plan your vacation to attend our great convention and also see the country as you do so. Those who work for the railroad should get passes. Registration blanks are available for those who wish to make this trip.

VISITATION EVANGELISM

May 25-29

Please turn in names of prospects for our Church. Plans are being made for an effective visitation.

MEN'S RETREAT

Barbee Lake — May 22-23-24

Men interested should see James Shockney or the Pastor.

CO-CHAIRMAN PARTY

The Co-Chairmen party for new members and for those who were ill and are now well again will be held at the Church on Thursday evening, May 21, at 7:30 P.M.

People Are Reading In Mission Libraries

READING, as an important factor in the development of churches and Christian communities, has long been recognized by missionaries. The literacy program started more than twenty years ago by Frank Laubach in the Philippines, has spread to mission fields around the world. Educational workers on a number of mission stations of the Disciples of Christ use the Laubach method in teaching people to read their own native languages.

On every mission field, reading is given a place in the program of Christian teaching. Libraries or small book collections are made available to the people in mission offices and schools. Most of the collections are meager when measured by modern library standards, but they do offer literature to people who have few other opportunities to read. Under the supervision of mission workers, Christian literature is placed upon the shelves along with fiction, histories and primers on health, hygiene and farming.

AT MCLEAN Conference Grounds near Bayamón, Puerto Rico a book collection is made available for children and young people. A circulating public library is operated by the mission social center in Aguascalientes, Mexico. There, children and young people are guided in their selections and books are circulated among a wide number of readers. Missionaries supervise use of a small book collection in the social center, *Casa de la Amistad* at Coronel Oviedo, Paraguay. In Jamaica, a library was opened in 1952 at the mission residence near Lawrence Tavern. About 70 young readers make it a habit to visit the mission house each week and use the books, which have been sent to the mission as gifts from church friends in the United States.

In each of the mission book collections there are copies of the Bible—open to all who wish to read. Thus, through the printed word, minds and hearts are being reached with the Christian gospel.

[Cover photo by Victor de Palma from Black Star: children and librarian in the mission social center at Aguascalientes, Mexico.]



Reading Unlocks the Bible

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Annual May Breakfast of the C. W. F. will be held on Tuesday morning, May 19 at 9:30 A.M. Mrs. H. B. McCormick of Indianapolis will be the guest speaker. Mrs. J. C. Koegel of Dye Circle will bring devotions. Mrs. McCormick is one of our very outstanding women in the Brotherhood.

Notes

From the OFFICIAL BOARD comes the suggestion that groups and classes, when holding meetings in the Church, appoint one person to their number to be responsible for seeing that all lights are turned off and all doors are locked before leaving the building.

We wish to express our sympathy to Mrs. Ida Mae England in the recent loss of her only sister, Mrs. Alverdia McIntyre of Eugene, Oregon.

Mr. Vaught wishes to express his thanks and appreciation to friends in the Church for the many expressions of concern and good wishes, and for the many lovely cards and beautiful flowers which he has received during his illness. Such kindnesses are very helpful.

Mrs. Gail Roe has sent out over 250 letters to newcomers to Fort Wayne inviting them to attend First Christian Church.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers for May 17 are the gift of Mrs. J. E. Weicker, in memory of her brother's birthday.

Among Our Sick

Mrs. J. Fred Riethmiller is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. O. G. Fields has returned to her home after undergoing surgery.

Mrs. P. A. Rayburn has returned to her home from the hospital and is enjoying a visit from her mother.

Mrs. Robert Beck will return home from the hospital the first of the week.

TITHERS TESTIFY THAT TITHING BLESSES THE CHURCH

"It seems to me that my church profits, not only financially, but spiritually when there are tithers in it."

"I believe that our church has been blessed by our tithing and I would heartily recommend it to any member."

"Tithing has made it possible to build our new church structure and to carry on the work of the church."

"Though my practice is tithing, the program of the church has been helped, and missionary work, both at home and on the foreign field, has been able to function more effectively."

"We made this glorious discovery in a very difficult church situation that when people are honest with God, they are honest with each other; and that when people put their treasure on the altar of God, they put their hearts there also. I can give to any person the witness of a proven experience, that a group of tithers in any church can change the entire spirit of a congregation."

TITHERS KEEP TITHING

"After nine years of tithing I would never think of going back to hit and miss giving."

"We believe in tithing one hundred percent."

"We can truthfully say that there is great joy in tithing and that we intend to make it a life-long practice."

"I do sincerely believe in tithing as a starting point for one's consecration of his possessions to the cause of Christianity."

THIS CAN HAPPEN TO YOU AND YOUR CHURCH

These are only a few of multitudes that have found out from experience that:

Whatever prompted them to start tithing

Whatever difficulties they had to overcome

Tithing brings many blessings to tithers

Tithing helps the Church and advances the Kingdom.



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NEXT SUNDAY IS PENTECOST

"As they were with one accord in one place," power came to the early disciples and the Christian Church had its birth. That day is called Pentecost. Then came the urgent, compelling impulse to proclaim the Gospel's saving message. This impulse was first obeyed by Peter who in fearlessness declared "Repent and be baptized unto the remission of your sins." It has never ceased in the true and vital church.

With one accord in one place in prayer. Here is the pattern for ideal worship and for a vital, effectively Christian church.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Sermon: "Prayer"

Anthem by Choir

Preacher: Our Pastor

Come hear your pastor as he gives answers to questions from the congregation concerning prayer.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Children's Day is the first Sunday in June. Plans are underway for this observance. The offering on this Sunday goes for the world work of the church.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

An hour for High School young people.

VISITATION EVANGELISM

May 25-29th

During Pentecost week, prospects will be seen by visiting teams for the church. Please turn in names of those whom you think should receive a call from these teams.

ON THE RADIO

250 stations will carry this week the story "A Good Man." It will reflect the rise, development, and significant contribution of our religious movement. Tune in Saturday, May 23rd over WGL station in Fort Wayne, at 6:30 p.m. and hear this program.

Colegio Ward

A School With Christian Influence

IN Buenos Aires, third largest city in the Western Hemisphere, Methodists and Disciples of Christ are jointly sponsoring an educational mission. Colegio Ward is in its fortieth year of operation as a primary and secondary school. As a result of its service to Argentina an evangelical Christian influence is being felt in many parts of the country.

Academic work in secondary schools in Argentina is said by educators to be on a higher level than in high schools in the United States. This is true of Colegio Ward, where students have the added advantage of daily contacts with Christian missionaries.

At Colegio Ward, the campus is used frequently by cooperating evangelical churches for youth conferences, ministers' meetings and other church gatherings. The school is helping to develop a trained leadership for the churches, not only in Argentina, but its influence is being felt in other Latin American countries as well. People are leaving good positions in the professions and business to enter religious work in Argentina.

Graduates Found In High Places

Graduates of Colegio Ward may be found in high places. Valdo Galland, Latin American secretary of the World Student Christian Federation, Ernesto Baumann, a dentist and executive secretary of Colegio Ward, James Hatton, in the Argentine diplomatic service, and Guillermo Fernandez, director of a government secondary school are among the Ward graduates. Others have headed government offices, one having helped to draw up the present constitution for Argentina.

Thousands of boys and girls have entered Colegio Ward through four decades. Many graduates have gone out from the school with a changed conception of the meaning of the Christian faith.

[[Cover Photo by M. J. Porqueras from Black Star: students on the campus at Colegio Ward, Buenos Aires, Argentina, between classes.]]



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THE NEW ORGAN

The beautiful new console for the Sigrist Memorial Organ has been set, but the complete connection has not been made as yet. Plans are under way for its dedication. However the date has not been determined.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Portland, Oregon — July 4th -- 9th

Make your reservation through the church office if you can represent the First Christian Church at this great convention. You will be treated royally by the Christian Church people of that city.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Mr. and Mrs. L. Dale Smith, 2323 Hensch Street, are the proud parents of a son, Thomas Dale, born Sunday, May 17.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers for May 24 are given by Mr. and Mrs. Gail J. Roe, honoring the birthday of their little daughter, Rita Marie.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Robert Beck is at home now and doing nicely.

Mrs. Fred Wilson is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital and will undergo surgery on Friday.

SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE CHILDREN

June 7th

Attention of mothers and fathers of small children is called to the privilege of bringing their children to the church for the service of blessing the children. Please register your child in advance at the church office.

A THOUGHT

"We have heard a lot in this generation about the mere relativity of good and evil. It's all like the Jews wearing their hats in synagogues and Christians doffing their hats in church, some say, a merematter of convention. What's wrong in one place is right in another; there are no inviolable standards. Look at what is going on now! Debauching children by selling them marijuana and heroin—is not that absolutely wrong? Accepting public office and using it for private gain—is not that absolutely wrong? Vowing loyalty to your nation and then betraying her to a hostile power—is not that absolutely wrong? One major service our moral slump could render is—showing up the falsity of our loose talk about ethical relativity, and confronting us with the inexorable fact that some conduct, always and everywhere, is indubitably honorable, and some indubitably bad."

—The Meeting House

DR. GALLOP REPORTS

The assiduous Dr. Galloup has informed us that 86 per cent of the people of this country believe in God and that 76 per cent believe in life after death. I am curious about the 10 per cent who believe in God but not in immortality. What kind of God do they believe in? To Jesus immortality was a corollary of belief in God, a deduction from the character of God. The most explicit statement He ever made on the subject was made to the Sadducees who disbelieved in the life to come: "God is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live unto him." That was an axiom to Jesus.

—Frank H. Ferris.



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MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Traditionally we are hopeful and courageous. As Christians we are moral optimists for we believe in a God that is just and righteous. Today we are engaged in a great struggle, many of whose battlegrounds are the cities of the world. Today we are testing whether liberty and the equal rights of men can long endure. The fight is wide-spread. In the mud of Korea the blood of free peoples have been mixed, but the battle for men's minds is of vast importance. We must fight for integrity and morals in government and social life. We need our every strength. The greatest strength of all is that which comes from faith in God and the Christian life which churches of our Lord hold up for acceptance. These are the great principles but each is the architect and together we design the world tomorrow.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Sermon: "The Patriotism of Jesus"

Anthem by Choir
Soloist: Mrs. L. A. Horn
Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Children's Day is the first Sunday in June. Plans are underway for this observance. The offering on this Sunday goes for the world work of the church.

C.Y.F. — 1:30 P.M.

Young People meet at Church at 1:30 P.M.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

June 15 - 26th

A two-week vacation Church School will be headed by Mrs. Floyd Morrical. The school is for children from Beginners through Intermediate or Junior High. A fine Corp of teachers have been secured.

From 9 to 11 o'clock each week-day morning, Monday through Friday, for two weeks. Enrollment is now in order. Registration fee per child 50c; \$1.00 per family.

SUCCESS

The visitation of our men has resulted in a number of decisions and many fine contacts for our Church. Our men are loyal to the Church and we are indebted to them for their fine work.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

—Matthew 28:19

Making Disciples In Jamaica

FOLLOWING the command of Jesus, missionaries and pastors are working tirelessly among the people of Jamaica, British West Indies. Baptizing and teaching, they seek to make disciples on this beautiful island in the Caribbean.

Through The United Christian Missionary Society, six missionaries, eight pastors and a full-time religious education director served the Jamaica Mission and churches during the past year. The fruits of their labors cannot fully be set forth in figures, for some of their best work was done in service to a needy people. In 1952 there were added to churches of Disciples of Christ in Jamaica 249 persons by baptism. This brought the membership in the 30 organized churches to 2,759.

A few of the churches are found in the city of Kingston, but the majority of them are built against steep hillsides in rural districts. Several pastors serve five or six congregations in their districts, riding horseback from one church to the next. In addition to serving these organized groups, pastors and missionaries go out to 43 other preaching points. Baptisms are held as a rule in rushing mountain streams, with church members watching and singing reverently from the banks.

Jamaicans in the rural areas suffer from a seemingly hopeless economic situation. Destructive hurricanes sweep their homes away and ruin their crops with a discouraging frequency. Thus, Jamaica, the oldest mission field of the Disciples of Christ offers many difficult problems to Christian workers. The Jamaican Christians need friendship and help from their American brethren.

Cover Photo by Carroll Seghers II from Black Star: Missionary Robert Nelson baptizing a young Jamaican in a mountain river.



“... baptizing them ...”

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TREES

Trees are being placed about our Church. Mr. Homer Koomler with his equipment and Bert Leversee with his large truck have enabled us to have the large and beautiful trees. Others working on this project include John Z. Berlien, Henry M. Flowers, George B. Bruckman, Harry Griggs, John Craig, Floyd Morrical, Harold Crowder, Paul Strawser.

SUMMER CONFERENCE

Young people of Senior High and Junior High age may secure a scholarship from the Church to attend young peoples Conference. This scholarship cares for one-half of the Conference cost.

OUR YOUTH

The Youth of our Church will journey to Pokagon, Sunday, leaving the Church at 1:30 P.M. They will conduct their program and make plans for the Summer.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Joseph Siples, 1127 Charlotte Ave. on Friday evening, June 5 at 8 P.M. Mrs. Elmer Braun will assist the hostess.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. F. W. Edgerton, 908 E. Sherwood Terrace on Wednesday, June 3 at 1:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. J. C. Koegel, her topic, "African Gold Coast" as described in Life Magazine. Devotions by Mrs. Owen Vaught, topic, "Are Ye Awake?"

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. J. R. Coar, Suburban Drive, on Wednesday afternoon, June 3rd at 1:30 P.M.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

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THE SECRET OF AMERICA

A Frenchman, Alexis de Tocqueville, came to our shores early in the 19th century to study the American prison system. After long observation of many aspects of our culture, he wrote as follows: "I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her fertile fields and boundless forests; it was not there. I sought for it in her free schools and her institutions of learning; it was not there. I sought for it in her matchless Constitution and democratic Congress; it was not there. Not until I went to the churches of America and found the pulpits aflame for righteousness, did I understand the greatness and genius of America. America is great because America is good. When America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

—G. Merrill Lenox

FAITH

Some bear their faith in their hands—like gold,
A precious thing to own;
Some build a wall of faith, and crouch
Behind the sheltering stone.
But mine shall be a golden flame
That warms me with its light,
And all who look will smile to see
My candle in the night.

Audrey Carpenter

NOTES

Mrs. Fred Wilson is doing as well as can be expected in St. Joe Hospital.

The Sympathy of the Church goes to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitten and family who lost their home by fire.



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SUNDAY IS CHILDREN'S DAY

Think! 15 million boys and girls in our country are without any form of religious education. Only one half of the 3 million students are members of Churches. We need to ponder these things as we come to Children's Day this year.

Parents need to face this fact. Careless parents are a calamity to a Nation's strength.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Anthem by Choir

Soloist: Mrs. Hilda Geyer Brown

Sermon: "Redemption From Fear"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M. CHILDREN'S DAY EXERCISES

After Classes meet for attendance and offering our children will present their program in the Fellowship Hall. This will be our first Children's Day Exercises in our new Church. Bring a liberal offering for the World Work of our Brotherhood.

SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Parents are asked to have their children at the Church Nursery by 11:15 A.M. Certificates will be given and preparations made for the services by members of the Board of Deaconesses. Mrs. Chester Follis and Mrs. Glenn Miller will assist in this program.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

A good group of High School Youth enjoyed an afternoon at Pokagon last Sunday. A Last Call for Summer Conference and Intermediate Camp. No youth if at all possible should fail to take advantage of these opportunities.

YOUTH CONFERENCE DATES

High School Youth Conference at Barbee Lake: June 14-20, and June 21-27.

Chi Rho (Intermediates) Conference at Barbee Lake: June 29 - July 4.

LANDSCAPING

Most everyone loves a tree. These beautiful evergreens that are being set about our church are appreciated by all. Maples, Red Leaf Maples, Silver Maples, Elm, Tulip. Many of these noble families of trees are suitable for our

SERVICE OVER WGL, 1250 ON YOUR DIAL

FATHER - SONS BANQUET — MEN'S FORUM — JUNE 14TH

World Missions

For the Children of the World

THE TWO-YEAR old boys shown on the cover of this bulletin were living in the Fukagawa district of East Tokyo, Japan when their picture was taken. They were being cared for in a day nursery while their widowed mothers earned a living in labor gangs which repaired the city streets.

Several thousands of children like these winsome little boys are living in the depressing slum that is East Tokyo. In this section of the city, the Disciples of Christ are rendering many services to the people through East Tokyo Institute Hospital and Day Nursery. The Institute chapel ministers to these people spiritually. This social center and chapel are expressions of love and concern for humanity felt by members of the Japanese churches.

ACTS OF MERCY, programs of teaching and efforts to evangelize people who never before heard of Christ are parts of the whole missionary enterprise of Disciples of Christ. Not only in Japan, but in the Belgian Congo, India, Mexico, Argentina, Paraguay, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Jamaica and Thailand, the brotherhood is at work through The United Christian Missionary Society.

The world missionary enterprise of the churches is stressed every year on Children's Day. Offerings taken on this special day are sent through Unified Promotion to help support mission work abroad. Evangelism, church development, education, health improvement and development of Christian leadership are included in the program of world missions to which Children's Day offerings give support.



Children's Day

For World Missions

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Church grounds. Those who have in mind to give a beautiful tree should see Bert Leversee, Homer Koomler, John Z. Berlien, or Wm. Crouse. It is hoped before long our grounds may be leveled and our parking lot put in order for crushed rock which one of our members is giving. The base material has been given by Homer Koomler.

CALLING FOR THE CHURCH

Among those who made calls last week were Henry M. Flowers, E. R. Baker, Bret Young, Charles Fuchshuber, Glenn Miller, James Shockney, Dexter Johnson, Paul Strawser, John Craig, Clayton Yoquelet, William Munro, and our Pastor.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR CHURCH

Our Church continues to grow. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. David G. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Overby, Miss Barbara Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie C. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Grayston M. Cripe, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert D. North, Mr. and Mrs. Horace E. Russell, Mr. Raymond O. Maple.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Vacation Church School will begin on Monday morning, June 15 at 9 A.M. and will continue for two weeks, each week day Monday thru Friday from 9 to 11 A.M. Children from Kindergarten through Junior High age are invited to attend. Fee 50c per child, \$1.00 per family.

DEEP WELL — REV. PAUL C. KEPPLE Our Living Link Missionary to Mexico
THIS IS TO BE THE PROJECT OF THE DAILY VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL
PUPILS AND TEACHERS

Rev. and Mrs. Kepple are stationed at Pabellon, Ags. Mexico, under the United Christian Missionary Society. It costs approximately \$10,000 to drill between 650 and 700 feet to get a sure supply of water, and to secure pumps and motor. It costs about \$15.00 to drill and equip one foot of the well. This well means the difference between good crops and poor crops at the Mountain of Light Farm. Several of our members have contributed funds to pay for one or more feet of drilling. Others in the Church may help.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Huber Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Joseph Siples, 1127 Charlotte Ave., Wednesday, June 10. A carry-in dinner will be served at noon, followed by the program. Devotions by Mrs. Joseph Clevenger. Program Mrs. Cecil Rice, subject, "The Cities of Mondombe and Wema." Mrs. Mauda Thurman, Program Chairman.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. Paul Truby, 440 Englewood Ct. on Wednesday, June 10 at 1:45 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. Rolland Ripple, Program by Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Subject, "Africa."

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington, Monday evening, June 8th at 7:30 P.M.

The Montgomery Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Gail Roe, Stelhorn Road on Tuesday evening, June 9, 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Alan Bell and Mrs. Donald Coffman are co-hostesses.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers for next Sunday are given by the Friendly Bible Class.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 7	Floyd E. Morrical,	Harold W. Crowder,
14	Owen O. Vaught	Gail J. Roe
21	Henry M. Flowers	Robert E. Clipp
28	John S. Craig	Albert Egly

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Harold K. Pritchard, Captain, A-36712; J. Hugh Tracey, Robert E. Working, Clarence Hendrickson, Ralph J. Richard, Kenneth V. Lytle, Dr. R. W. Goebel, A. Howard Wise, Meldren S. Kreps, Everett W. Evans, John C. Cole, Cecil A. Kinzie.

The Official Board will meet on Tuesday evening, June 9 at 8 P.M. in Church Parlor.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Robert L. Daring is a patient in room 415, Lutheran Hospital.

Miss Rosemary Murphy is a patient in Room 322, Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. Irene Hamman is a surgical patient in room 406, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Ella Diss is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Coffman, mother of Don Coffman is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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Our Church continues to grow and interest in worship and service is on a high level. Every citizen of sound mind should face up to the program of the Church. In the Church, such as First Christian, a Christian is not a subject, he is a citizen. Paul cries, "Our Citizenship is in heaven." We are co-workers with God, we Christians. It seems we members ought to get into our heads the importance and the responsibility of such citizenship.—We are to bring this heaven to earth. Because so many have failed—we see the manifestation of hell in large areas of our life brought about by those who have become subject to evils and to ungodliness.

Thankfulness should come to all as we enter into the opportunities which First Christian offers in worship and service.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

BROADCAST over WGL — 1250 on your dial

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Anthem by Choir

Duet: Mrs. J. E. Weicker and Mrs. Robert E. Cocherille

Sermon: "Giving God A Chance"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Children's Day program enjoyed by all. Offering held open this Sunday for Missions. Early time will begin in July.

ON TO CONFERENCE

Youth will leave next Sunday week for the High Young Peoples Conference at our new location on **Barbee Lake**. On July 6th the Junior High will go to Junior High Camp at same location.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

June 15th to 16th

Boys and Girls from Kindergarten to Junior High School age are invited. A fine group of teachers and leaders, headed by Mrs. F. E. Morrical. This is always a happy occasion. It means much to those who participate.

SERVICE OVER WGL, 1250 ON YOUR DIAL

The Quest for God

In Young People's Camps and Conferences

YOUNG people of the brotherhood have the opportunity, each summer, to enjoy an experience in Christian living in camps and conferences. Youth and adult leaders come together from various churches to form a Christian community where they live together in the out of doors and seek to find the meaning of the theme or quest which binds them together in a cooperative fellowship.

CONFERENCES and camps sponsored by churches of Disciples of Christ begin each day with God. Leaders try to guide the boys and girls into a personal sense of fellowship with the Creator. At camps and conferences, leaders try to build a reverent atmosphere in which worship can take place. Help is given with selection and reading of scripture passages and engaging in meaningful prayer. For many youth, the individual meditation, morning watch or morning prayer walk is a new adventure in Christian living.



"O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us
make a joyful noise to the rock of our
salvation! let us come into his presence
with thanksgiving . . ."

Psalm 95: 1-2

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MEN'S FORUM

Father and Son's Day — Sunday, June 14 — 5 to 7 P.M.

Mr. James Timmons is guest speaker and Mr. Marvin Crouse, Magician, will have an interesting program. Mr. James Shockney, presiding officer.

BOOK FOR THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer have presented the book, "Protestant Panorama" written by Clarence W. Hall and Desider Holisher, Introduction by Charles B. Taft, to the Church Library. We wish to express our appreciation of this fine gift.

PICTURE FOR THE NURSERY

A beautiful picture "Jesus Blessing the Children" was presented to First Christian for the Nursery by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dimke in memory of Mrs. Dimke's mother, Mrs. Lily McCall. Mrs. McCall was for many years a member of this Church.

Mr. John Craig wishes to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed toward the cost of the draperies in the Nursery.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The General meeting of the C.W.F. will meet on Tuesday evening, June 16 at 6:30 P.M. when a covered dish supper will be served. You are requested to bring your own table service and a covered dish. Installation of the new Officers will be held with Mrs. J. R. Coar as Installing Officer. Mrs. Fern Teeple will bring devotions. Mrs. J. E. Weicker will bring special music. Final reports of the year will be given by our Group leaders.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. E. E. Buchanan in the recent loss of her brother, Mr. Nicely.

Francis W. Edgerton, deacon, chairman of our Friday Breakfast Prayer Group will be missed in First Christian. He and Mrs. Edgerton were celebrating their 40th Wedding anniversary in Michigan when he suffered a stroke. He was taken to the hospital in South Bend where he died Tuesday morning. The sympathy of the Church is extended to Mrs. Edgerton and family.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Fred Wilson is still quite ill in St. Joseph's Hospital. Mrs. Gerald Elser is a patient in room 360, Lutheran Hospital.

BABIES AT SERVICE OF BLESSING

David Lee and John Alan Kreps, Joyce Ann Howell, Carole Dianne North were the babies in our Service of Blessing last Spnday Morning.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are given by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse.

WEDDING BELLS

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Crouse who were married last Saturday. Mr. Crouse is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. David G. Williams. They are on a trip to Florida and Cuba.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mrs. Albert Egly who will be admitted into the Emertius Club of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor June 20th.

To Miss Sandra Harris, Douglas Baker and Miss Donna Leversee who graduated from South Side High School this week.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald B. Elser in the birth of their son, Terry.

YOU ARE INVITED

To the wedding of Miss Patricia Spake and Richard Sefton, Saturday, June 20th at 6:00 P.M. at the church.



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The Churches are among America's greatest bulwarks of freedom. Wherever churches have gone, there has come concomitantly a love of freedom and a sense of responsibility. Without a sense of responsibility freedom becomes license and without a love for freedom, a sense of responsibility can become tyranny.

It would seem primary that good citizens support the work of the Church and take on responsibility of making it effective.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

BROADCAST WGL — 1250

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Sermon: "What Is God Doing Now"

Anthem by Choir

Preacher: Our Pastor

Duet: Mrs. Alan Bell and Mrs. Melvin Brown

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Every teacher an Evangelist in 1953-54 in the great Brotherhood Program. Every teacher is to be an Evangelist. Teaching to a purpose. "What Purpose?" you ask—The purpose of Christian teaching is to make Christians.

WILL OPEN BOX

FROM OLD CORNERSTONE

Tuesday, June 23rd — 6:30 P.M.

The Program will be in the form of a Prayer Meeting.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Women's Fellowship installed officers for the coming year at their June meeting, Tuesday evening, June 16. Officers installed for the year

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Dedication

To Christian Teaching

CHURCH school teachers who dedicate themselves to the Lord's work, constantly seek to improve their ability to teach. It is for this reason that several thousand men and women in the churches of Disciples of Christ take part in leadership training projects each year. They receive guidance in laboratory schools, classes in leadership methods at adult conferences, institutes and church school enlargement programs in their communities. Through these training procedures, teachers learn to know the purposes of Christian education.

Christian education helps growing persons develop a consciousness of God as a reality in human experience. It leads people to know Jesus as Savior and Lord, so that their loyalty to him manifests itself in daily life. Christian education encourages people in a continuous development of Christ-like character.

CHRISTIAN education seeks to develop in growing persons the ability to work in the church, a desire to build a Christian social order, and an appreciation of the Christian family.

Christian education seeks to lead children, young people and adults to see God's purpose and plan and leads them to know the Bible as a guide to living.

Cover photo by Roland Patterson from Black Star: a church school teacher guides a junior boy in the use of the Bible.



HAVING gifts that differ according to the
grace given to us, let us use them: . . .
he who teaches in his teaching . . .

Romans 12: 6-7

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were as follows: Mrs. Henry M. Flowers, President; Mrs. Eurol Rose, Vice-President; Mrs. Don Eyer, Second Vice-President; Mrs. T. R. Eiler, Treasurer; Mrs. William Tracey, Recording Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Corresponding Secretary. Circle chairmen were: Mrs. Stanley Cole, Montgomery; Mrs. T. R. Eiler, Evening Guild; Mrs. A. Howard Wise, Dr. Higdon Circle; Mrs. Marion Favory, Esther; Mrs. McGavran Circle, Mrs. Wayne Rousseau; Dr. Royal Dye Circle, Mrs. Hugh Rice; Alan Huber Circle, Mrs. William Crouse. Department heads installed were: Mrs. Howard Wise, Study; Mrs. Hugh Rice, Worship; and Mrs. Floyd Morrical, Service; Secretaries, treasurers and vice-chairmen of Circles who were present were also installed.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Renner are proud parents of son, Kent, born June 13th at Lutheran Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. George Bruckman are proud parents of a son, born Saturday, June 13 at St. Joseph's Hospital. A daughter, Rita Jane Sanders, was born Friday, June 12 to Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders, R.R. 12, Sheridan Road Trailer Court, at Methodist Hospital.

Mothers and Babies all doing fine. We wish to extend best wishes to these fine couples.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Our Vacation Church School is well attended with 108 children enrolled this first week. The school carries on next week thru June 26th. The officers and teachers of the Vacation Church School are planning a Family Night for Friday evening, June 26th, when parents and friends are invited to attend. Completed projects, handcraft and other activity of the children will be exhibited. Refreshments will be served by the Committee.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers this Sunday are given by Misses Sarah and Ethel Shroyer in memory of their father.

ON TO CONFERENCE

Our Young People will leave next Sunday for Conference at Lake Barbee. Junior High Conference begins on July 6th at Lake Barbee.

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend congratulations to Don Richhart and Jerry Acker who received High School diplomas on graduation from Central High School.

AMONG OUR SICK

Robbin Miller fell from his bicycle and suffered a severe wound that has caused him much pain. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Koomler have been ill this week with "Strep" throat.

INVITED

Miss Patricia Spake and Richard Sefton, members of our church, invite the congregation to attend their wedding Saturday evening, June 20th at 6:00 p.m.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John Z. Berlien will hold open house in the parlor of the church when they celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday, June 28th.

IT'S LIKE PAINTING A RAINBOW WITH CHARCOAL

Not even an artist with great talent could paint a rainbow with charcoal. Yet there are some who would live without worship. These wonder why their days should turn into a variety of grays. They are like an artist who goes out to paint a rainbow with only a charcoal pencil.

To paint a rainbow an artist must have color to put upon his canvas. Otherwise his skill, no matter how great, is of no avail, for he is inadequately equipped. This is true, too, of those who would make the most out of their life. Intelligence, talent, skillful competence alone are of no avail; the overtones of life will be drab. Color comes from worship, from the "practice of the presence of God."

Worship gives us the opportunity to turn the grays of life into colors, and paint a rainbow across all the days of our years.

—Spiritual Embers



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The spirit and dynamic of Jesus Christ influences the centuries. It is alive in our own time though in the hurley and bustle of trade and commerce, and amidst the fear and suspicion, consciously generated by certain groups and suffered by large segments in threats to their homes and lives. It is there as sure as the laws of growth and the never ceasing pull of gravity in Earth, Sun, and Stars. When the the spirit and dynamic of Christ possess an individual or a Church then there is found strength, direction, honor and the peace of God which passeth understanding.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Sermon: "How to Know What God Wants"

Special Duet

Anthem by Choir

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Four Young People attended the Senior High School Conference beginning June 21, at Barbee Christian Camp. Three Young people leave Monday week for the Junior High (Chi Rho) Conference at Barbee Christian Camp. James Shockney and Alan Bell attended the Men's Week-end Retreat at this Camp some weeks ago.

Beginning Sunday, **JULY 5th through Labor Day Sunday** shortened services will begin. Church School beginning at 9:15 A.M. and Morning Worship will start at 10:10 A.M.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. A. C. Worley, 2551 Terrace Rd., for a carry-in luncheon on Wednesday, July 1, 1953. Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, Leader.

DAILY VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Mrs. F. E. Morrical and her committee wish to express deep appreciation to all who have co-operated so well in making our Vacation Church School a fine success. 116 children have been in our School this Summer which closes Friday, June 26th at a Family Night and Exhibit at 7:45 P.M. We recognize the following teachers and helpers: Mr. Paul Strawser for his contribution in transportation. Mrs. Robert Rayl, Mrs. George W. Shelton, Mrs. Dale Parkerson, Mrs. L. J. Burkart, Mrs. Wm. Monahan, Mrs. Gene Munro, Miss Sally Coleman, Miss Carolyn Cline, Miss T. D. Eddleman, Mrs. Jack Cooney, Mrs. John Merrill, Mrs. Robert Ashe, Miss

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Robert Tobias Returns to U. S. A.

Continues Ecumenical Ministry

Robert Tobias, who has been a member of the World Council of Churches staff in Geneva, Switzerland, for the past six years, returned to the United States in June. He will continue his ecumenical ministry among churches of the brotherhood, from July 1 through June, 1954.

Mr. Tobias will be speaking in colleges, seminaries, church conventions and institutes, interpreting the work of the World Council of Churches. In this effort he will continue as a staff member of the World Council, working from an office in the Missions Building in Indianapolis, Ind.

Sponsored jointly by the Committee on Relief Appeals of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, the United Christian Missionary Society and the Association for Promotion of Christian Unity, Mr. Tobias will be directly responsible to a committee appointed by the three supporting agencies.

Members of the sponsoring committee are Dr. A. Dale Fiers, Dr. George

W. Buckner, Jr., Dr. C. O. Hawley, Dr. Virgil A. Sly, Dr. Harlie L. Smith and Dr. Gaines M. Cook. This committee will present Mr. Tobias to a group of brotherhood leaders during the International Convention in Portland, Ore., in July.

Sent to Europe in 1945 by youth of the churches through their purchase of Character Bonds, Robert Tobias first worked with CIMADE, the French Protestant youth organization. In 1947, supported by the United Christian Missionary Society, he joined the World Council staff in Geneva. He has been chiefly responsible for services to refugees and aid to struggling churches and pastors in Central Europe. He has also supervised the activities of fraternal youth workers in Europe.

Robert Tobias (left) and Dr. George W. Buckner, Jr., executive secretary of the Association for Promotion of Christian Unity, an agency sponsoring the ecumenical ministry this year.



Disciple Young People Work with Migrants

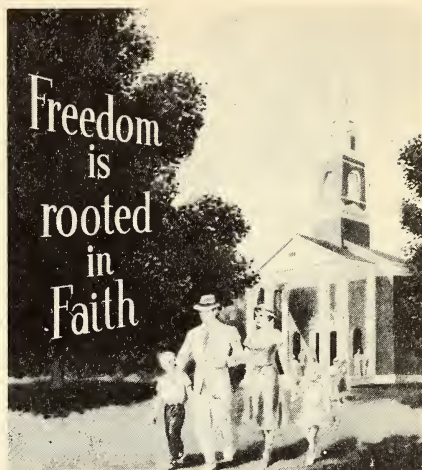
Six Disciples of Christ young people are giving service this summer as religious workers in camps of agricultural migrants. They were recruited by the department of social welfare of the United Christian Missionary Society. Their work is being carried on under the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches.

The summer migrant workers are Mr. and Mrs. Randel Martin, students at The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky.; Elma Jane Newburn, Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Mo.; Faye Feltner, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.; Dorothy Ault, College of the Bible; and Helen Blackburn of Topeka, Kans. They are conducting vacation church schools and recreation for children in camps of farm workers in the mid-west.

Chaplaincy Services In Thirty-fifth Year

The Committee on Military and Veterans Services of the Disciples of Christ, though it has operated under this name only since 1947, actually carries on the work started by a similar committee in 1918. At that time, during World War I, the American Christian Missionary Society set up the first brotherhood "Committee on Chaplains."

Through the years, except for a brief time prior to the second World War, the brotherhood has rendered services to its ministers in the military chaplaincy. In recent years the committee's work has extended also to people and churches in industrial defense communities. The program of the committee is supported by Week of Compassion funds.



Freedom - Democracy Sunday, July 5

The poster reproduced above has been sent to churches of the brotherhood for the purpose of calling attention to Freedom and Democracy Sunday, July 5. This annual special day is sponsored by the department of social welfare of the United Christian Missionary Society, and observed by many churches or church groups. Theme of this year's observance is "Freedom is Rooted in Faith."

Briefs . . .

Four missionary candidates of the Disciples of Christ are serving internships this summer at Flanner House, Negro Community center in Indianapolis. They are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Taylor, June Holton and Betty Earlywine.

Institutes on racial and cultural relations are open to interested church people at Lincoln University, Pa., July 20-24; Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Ore., July 13-19; and Eden Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo., Aug. 3-7.

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Barbara Griffith, Mrs. Alan Bell, Mrs. Joseph Clevenger, Mrs. Wm. Tracey, Mrs. Harry Griggs, Mrs. Henry Vernard, Miss Martha Beck, Mrs. Henry M. Flowers, and Mrs. Horace Russell, teachers and helpers in the School. Mrs. Eural Rose aided in setting up the program. Lloyd, Dwight and Allan Flowers and Wendell Rose distributed the flyers. Mr. James R. Shockney made the School signs and banners. Mrs. Owen Vaught did the mimeographing. A number of the mothers of the children furnished refreshments for the children each day. The committee in charge of refreshments for Friday night are: Mrs. James Shockney, Mrs. Don Eyer, Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau and Miss M. E. Shockney. Children attending were from Nursery age through Junior High School.

WEDDING BELLS

Richard W. Sefton and Miss Patricia Ann Spake were united in marriage Saturday evening at six-thirty o'clock. A reception was held following the wedding in the Church parlors.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Fred Wilson has returned home from the hospital. David Shockney is ill with the measles. Mr. Scott Powers is in the Lutheran Hospital.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John Z. Berlien are celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary at a reception next Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 P.M. in the Church Parlors. Friends and members are cordially invited.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PICNIC

The Progressive Class will hold its annual picnic at Foster Park in pavilion No. 1 Saturday evening, June 27th at 6:30 P.M. Coffee will be furnished.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers next Sunday are the gift of Mrs. Chester Johnson and Mr. Paul Berlien, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, in honor of their parents 50th Wedding Anniversary.

THEN COMES THE DAWN

An old municipal lamplighter, engaged in putting out his lights one by one, was met by a reporter who asked him if he never grew tired of his work in the cold, dark nights of labor.

"Never am I cheerless," said the old man, "for there is always a light ahead of me to lead me on."

"But what do you have to cheer you when you have put out the last lights?" asked the news writer.

"Then comes the dawn," said the lamplighter.

A man of the world might have asked Jesus that same question. One light after another did He put out: the lamp of popular acclaim, the lamp of patriotic approval, the lamp of ecclesiastical conformity—all for the sake of God's love, which burned in His heart and showed Him a better way. At last even the light of his life was a flicker out on the hill called Calvary. What then?

We hear His voice, "Into Thy hands I commend my spirit," and we know that the dawn has come. He has taken up His cross, and His joy has been made full.

—Carl Knudsen

MY GIVING

God might have used His sunset
gold so sparingly,

He might have doled His blossoms
out quite grudgingly;

He might have put just one wee star
in the sky . . .

But since He gave so lavishly, Why
should not I?

SPEAK WHILE THERE IS TIME

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them and while their hearts can be thrilled by them.

—Henry Ward Beecher



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MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

are asked to remember the Change in time. Church will be dismissed by 11:15 A.M. during the Summer months.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude

Anthem

Sermon by Dr. Wm. F. McConn, President of Marion College

Our speaker this Sunday will discuss Temperance and the alcohol problem in the United States.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Classes must shorten their preliminaries and plan to dismiss at ten o'clock.

CHI RHO CAMP AT LAKE BARBEE

Misses Alice Richard, Barbara Staley, and Carolyn Cline will represent our Church this next week at the Chi Rho Camp.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE

Among those who attended young peoples Conference at Barbee Christian Camp were Miss Martha Jeannette Beck and Miss Carol Yoquelet.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. J. E. Tracey is a surgical patient in room 605, Methodist Hospital. Mr. Scott Powers is in Methodist Hospital for surgery. Mrs. Paul Truby is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, room 218, having undergone surgery.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Huber Circle will meet with Mrs. H. M. Flowers, 334 W. Fleming, July 9th at 7:30 P.M. for a pot-luck supper. Rolls and drinks will be furnished. Mrs. Wm. Crouse, leader.

108 in Training for the Mission Field

WHEN 21 young men and women were accepted May 13 as candidates for foreign service under The United Christian Missionary Society, this brought the total to 108 in training for mission work of the Disciples of Christ. Scholarship aid is being granted to a number of these young people for special studies in which they are preparing for work abroad.

The new candidates were approved by the board of trustees of the United Society in its May business meeting in Indianapolis. The newly approved candidates are:

William C. Allen, Jr., Bethany, W. Va.

Don R. Angle, Blackwell, Okla.

Jane Barr, St. Louis, Mo.

Robert S. Bates, Chicago, Ill.

George W. Behler, Kingfisher, Okla.

Harriet R. Bond, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Ruth L. Borglum, Eugene, Ore.

Maxine M. Burch, Sioux City, Ia.

Barbara A. Danforth, Kansas City, Mo.

John R. Galusha, Ponca City, Okla.

Robert F. Gipe, Great Falls, Mont.

Lois E. Grimes, Indianapolis, Ind.

Medrith E. Horber, Owensville, Ind.

John T. Horber, Owensville, Ind.

John E. Huegel, Mexico City, Mex.

June Loveland, Fort Wayne, Ind.

David Wen-Tzong Luo, Wichita, Kans.

Deloris J. Minniear, Anderson, Ind.

Arlene H. Peightal, Eugene, Ore.

Loren N. Sallee, Cameron, Ill.

Pauline I. Varner, Barnett, Ill.

DR. E. K. HIGDON, executive secretary of the United Society's department of missionary selection and training, reported to the board of trustees in May that names of new volunteers for foreign service are being received at the rate of 250 a year. He predicted that this number will produce 20 to 25 missionaries each year. At present, the department has a volunteer list of 100 high school and 350 college students.

Missionary candidates approved in May, 1953, by the United Society's board of trustees.





New missionaries appointed in May, 1953, to Disciples of Christ mission fields abroad.

16 New Missionaries Commissioned

ON MAY 13, at the Missions Building in Indianapolis, 16 young men and women were appointed by the board of trustees of the United Society for service on mission fields abroad. Certificates of life commission were presented to the newly appointed missionaries by Dr. A. Dale Fiers, president of the Society.

The new missionaries have completed several years of graduate study and special training for work in foreign fields. They will go to their appointed fields to begin work or to continue additional required study, within the next few months. The newly commissioned missionaries and their fields are:

Fraulein H. Jarman—Belgian Congo
 Dorothy M. Martin—Philippines
 Dean E. Rogers—Paraguay
 Mrs. Grace S. Rogers—Paraguay
 Michael Saenz—Puerto Rico
 Mrs. Nancy K. Saenz—Puerto Rico
 John R. Sams—India

Mrs. Frances E. Sams—India
 L. Paul Stone—Mexico
 Mrs. Barbara W. Stone—Mexico
 Lloyd E. Tatlock—Paraguay
 Mrs. Janice R. Tatlock—Paraguay
 Delbert V. Troxell—Japan
 Mrs. Martha M. Troxell—Japan
 Leonard E. Vaughn—Argentina
 Mrs. Lucile H. Vaughn—Argentina

MISSION fields today are requiring specialized help from workers sent out by church boards in other countries. They are asking missionaries for counsel and demonstrations in such areas as rural church development, public health education, agricultural methods, mission administration, religious education, church organization and family life education. Most of the mission fields are calling for trained technical experts as well as evangelists. New missionaries are being trained for such work in addition to their seminary study and experience in pastoral work.

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STEWARDSHIP IN SUMMER

July and August are the low months in our Treasury. A number of our members pay in advance for the period of their vacation and thereby greatly help their church.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

July 5—Eural G. Rose—Hugh D. Rice

July 12—James R. Shockney—Wm. H. Crouse

July 19—Dale Parkerson—Dr. A. C. Worley

July 26—Preston H. Somers—John Z. Berlien

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

Earl T. Fusselman, Captain, A-56922, William P. Vunora, C. D. Palmer, H. H. Stevenson, Mark H. Crouse, Geo. R. Bruckman, Jack E. Weicker, W. C. Robinson, Paul A. Strawser, W. H. Imbody, David A. Griggs, Fred H. Wilson.

When unable to serve please call your Captain.

WELCOME

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burnworth came forward for Church membership Sunday, June 21. Mr. and Mrs. C. Kenneth Fairfield came forward last Sunday for membership. They operate a drapery store on South Broadway. Mr. and Mrs. Buren Strickler were received into the Church Sunday. They come from the Angola Christian Church and operated the Potawatomi Inn in Pokagon Park. They are the new proprietors of The Candlelight Dining Room on East State St.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Our minister and J. Hugh Tracey will represent our Church at the International Convention in Portland, Oregon. Rev. Beck is to be guest preacher in Portland next Sunday.

FLOWERS IN CHANCEL

The flowers in the chancel are given this Sunday by Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST PRAYER GROUP

John Merrill has been chosen permanent chairman of the Friday Breakfast Prayer Group.

CARDS

The Minister has received cards and orders of service from many of those who are on vacation. These are greatly appreciated.

You who drink moderately may boast that your liquor isn't costing very much. How wrong can you be! Go down to the police court and you will begin to get an idea of what it is costing you for the daily pick up and processing of drunks, and that it is costing you the salaries and expenses of about three out of four policemen in your city.

—The National Voice

Dr. Pierce Harris, pastor of First Methodist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, told a group of ministers recently that if he sees in an Atlanta paper that some member of his church is having a cocktail party, he assumes that he is looking for publicity, and so he announces the party from his pulpit. "And believe me, it has a very restraining influence."

—Clipped



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MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

are asked to remember the Change in time. Church will be dismissed by 11:15 A.M. during the Summer months.

A Christian is always growing but never grown. The pattern and power for his growth is Christ. Perfect Christlikeness must await the day when "we shall be like Him because we see Him as He is." Christlikeness is not an attainment in his final perfection but the gift of God. Faith, not the will to attain, is the power for Christian growth.

—Christian Herald

Let us then labor for an inward stillness,
An inward stillness and an inward healing,
That perfect silence where the lips and heart
Are still, and we no longer entertain
Our own imperfect thought and vain opinions,
But God alone speaks in us, and we wait
In singleness of heart, that we may know
His will, and in the silence of our spirits,
That we may do His will, and do that only!

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude
Sermon: by our Pastor

Special Music

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Classes must shorten their preliminaries and plan to dismiss at ten o'clock.

Our pastor has been attending the International Convention at Portland, Oregon, but will be in his pulpit next Sunday morning.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel Flowers for next Sunday are given by Miss Donna Leversee.

Prisoners Helped by Japanese Pastor

Successful efforts of a minister of the Disciples of Christ in serving prisoners in the Akita penitentiary, near Tokyo, Japan, were described last year in one of the Japanese newspapers.

"The strong voices of men singing a Christian hymn are heard," the account began, "flowing from the training room of the Akita penitentiary. The hymn, which sounds so unnatural coming from windows of a prison, is being sung by the Bible study group of the prisoners, led by Mr. Y. Shionoya, pastor of Akita Christian Church. This Bible study group is made up of 19 long-term prisoners, four of which are serving life sentences.

"It was Christmas Day, 1945, when



Pastor Y. Shionoya, at left, stands before the Akita prison gate with visiting ministers of the United Church of Japan and a prisoner, just being released, who had become a Christian due to Mr. Shionoya's teaching.

Mr. Shionoya first called on the prisoners," the newspaper story continued. "Since that time, the gate which had opened previously only to Buddhist leaders, has been opened regularly to this Christian minister. Mr. Shionoya first visited the prison once a month and talked to the 1,000 prisoners. Later, he continued his religious lectures to about 300, these being the ones most interested in Christianity.

"In April, 1951, when Mr. Shionoya challenged the group by saying, 'let us join with other men of faith and read the Bible,' an old prisoner, serving a life sentence for murder, quickly accepted the challenge. This man was baptized in June, 1948, and is a devoted believer."

Through the efforts of this converted prisoner, the newspaper reported, "A Bible study group, composed of 19 members, was organized. At first they met after the regular monthly lectures to sing, study the Bible and pray together. But now this study group meets twice a month. Some of them also write letters to Mr. Shionoya asking such questions as, 'Why do humans commit crimes?'

"After a year, Mr. Shionoya was astonished to notice that the once brutal faces of these men had become so mild that he could not recognize them. And the Prison Educational Section of Akita Penitentiary wondered at the changes in these men. Even their fellow prisoners," the report concluded, "look on with wonder as the members of this Bible study group go eagerly about their work in the prison factory."



Russell F. Harrison, national director of youth work, at left, and Kenneth Henry, Jarvis Christian College student, viewing pictures taken last winter on their trip to India, which they will present at the International Convention Youth Rally in Portland, Oregon, Monday, July 6.

Missionary Builder Speaks in Jamaica

Freeman Redding, the Disciples of Christ layman from Delphi, Ind., and a building contractor by trade, who went to Jamaica late in 1952 to rebuild churches, is now doing more than construction work on the island. From reports sent by the missionaries, Mr. Redding is getting the cement blocks made and the churches, destroyed by the 1951 hurricane, are being replaced by termite-proof structures. This is Mr. Redding's chief job in Jamaica. But the reports also tell of his helpful work in the church services.

Miss Lyrel Teagarden, missionary serving in Jamaica under The United Christian Missionary Society, wrote that Mr. Redding made "an outstanding talk" at the annual convention of

churches on "Crusading through Building." He also led a seminar for men at the convention, with C. A. Robertson, principal of Christian College.

In March, the first church building—the church at Bito, high up in the hills, was completed and work was progressing on the churches at Dallas Castle and Mt. Zion. With Miss Myrle Ward, one of the missionaries, he spoke at the Bito church Women's Day service, and again at the Kingsgate church that night. On other Sundays he wrote of speaking to groups in the Caenwood, Mt. Carmel and Craigmill churches.

Like other missionary builders, whose task is to construct churches, parsonages and mission schools or hospitals, Freeman Redding is also finding other ways of strengthening the Christian witness of missions and churches abroad.

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STEWARDSHIP IN SUMMER

July and August are the low months in our Treasury. A number of our members pay in advance for the period of their vacation and thereby greatly help their church.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Amy Shawhan is a patient in Methodist Hospital, room 518.

Mrs. Fred Wilson is convalescing at her home.

Mrs. J. E. Tracey is no longer at the hospital but is recovering from her illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Howard Horn, 1810 Third St.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ICE CREAM SOCIAL—JULY 21st—5:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. at the Church. Sandwiches, pie and coffee; ice cream and cake, and cold drinks will be served. In the event of rain the social will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Church.

FRIENDLY CLASS PICNIC

The Friendly Bible Class will hold its Annual picnic at Memorial Park Friday, July 10th, at 6:30 P.M. The families are invited and are requested to bring their own table service.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST PRAYER GROUP

John Merrill has been chosen permanent chairman of the Friday Breakfast Prayer Group.

CARDS

The Minister has received cards and orders of service from many of those who are on vacation. These are greatly appreciated.

"No one can do his best or be his best while under the influence of alcohol."

—Dr. Charles Mayo

"Alcohol does not make people do things better. It makes them less ashamed of doing them badly."

—Dr. William Osler

The Ohio State Commission in studying alcoholism finds that there are 254,135 alcoholics in Ohio—45,635 more than in 1944. This is one alcoholic for every thirty-two of the state's population.

—Covenanter Witness

During one month, sixty-one per cent of all persons murdered in the county of Los Angeles had alcohol in their bodies at the time of death, and 53.4 per cent of the pedestrians killed in Los Angeles County had alcohol in their bodies.

—United Presbyterian

THE BEST DAY—today. The greatest mistake—giving up. The most expensive indulgence—hatred. The cheapest, easiest, stupidest thing to do—find fault. The greatest trouble maker—talking too much. The worst bankrupt—the soul that has lost its enthusiasm. The meanest feeling—jealousy. The greatest need—common sense. The best gift—forgiveness. The greatest sin—prayerlessness.

—Frank Crane



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No one can read the New Testament carefully without being impressed with the fact that the Christian Religion includes the Church. Personal religion brings people to Church. Some parents have the idea that they should let their children grow up without coming into the Church in order that they may be free to choose. What they are really teaching their child is that their parents have no religion to impart. Parents take care to work with their children in their school work, try to teach their daughter good taste in dress, their sons good manners and interest in the socially and mechanically involved world. How stupid can we be—

As plain as day is the imperative that you don't dump children into religion as you dump them into Sunday School—Think. Example speaks effectively—set them an example—How can irregular parents expect regularity in their children.

Come To Church—Bring Your Family With You

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Our Summer attendance is considerably up over last year—Keep it up—When away go to Church where you are. Remember—Keep Sunday as the Lord's Day. Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M. Special Music

Sermon: "What Does the Christian Say About Economics" Preacher: Our Pastor
Duet—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cocherille

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

The Summer lessons are of real interest. Keep up the good work.
Be in your Class this Sunday.

U.C.Y.M. PICNIC

Sunday, July 19 — 2 P.M.

At the Camp of The Limberlost, the young people of the Associated Churches will hold their picnic. A charge of 75c is made to cover expenses. Any desiring to go should call the pastor.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ICE-CREAM SOCIAL

TUESDAY, July 21st. 5:30 -- 9:30 P.M.

Sandwiches, home made pies, coffee, ice-cream and cake, cold drinks and pop-corn will be for sale at the Ice Cream social, Tuesday nite at the Church. In the event of rain the social will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Bring the whole family.



The Linden church in Johannesburg, Union of South Africa, with palm fronds strewn along the church walk, on Palm Sunday, 1953.

South African Churches Start Native Missions

Churches of the Disciples of Christ in South Africa report recent increases in members and plans for two new missions among the native peoples. According to Basil Holt, representative of the United Christian Missionary Society in Johannesburg, an architect has completed plans for a proposed mission church in Orlando. This is the largest native, or colored township in South Africa, Mr. Holt explains.

The proposed mission building at Orlando will be devoted to religious and social welfare purposes with church services on Sundays. During the week there will be industrial classes, clubs for boys and girls and literacy classes. Later, the churches may be able to add a school building for the native children.

Congregations taking part in the missionary venture include those of the Linden church (Johannesburg), Boksburg, Brakpan, Primrose (Germiston), Benoni and Capetown churches.

In Southern Rhodesia, the Bulawayo Church of Christ, whose minister is from New Zealand, also plans to build a new native mission. This expansion of the work in South Africa is being undertaken courageously, in the face of strong opposition to educational opportunities for the colored peoples and a governmental policy which maintains rigid racial segregation. However, the site of the proposed church in Orlando was granted to the sponsoring churches by the Municipality of Johannesburg.

A long-established native mission, headed by a native pastor, George Khosa, also works with the Disciples churches.

Laymen's Fellowships Take on Varied Projects

A number of local and district Christian Men's Fellowships report undertaking a variety of service projects. Laymen of the churches in Bourbon County, Kentucky, are sponsoring a movement to mark the roads in their county to help visitors who are seeking the old Cane Ridge Meeting House which figures in brotherhood history.

Interested members of the Christian Men's Fellowship at Seventeenth Street Christian Church, Nashville, Tenn. have taken it upon themselves to buy and operate a bus for transporting people to church each Sunday.

At Austin, Tex. the C. M. F. of Central Christian Church is providing a scholarship for one of the ministerial students from their church. This group is entering into the long range program of the brotherhood in men's work.

Rural Mission Church Adds New Members

There were 16 confessions of faith recently in the mission rural center at Pabellon, Aguascalientes, Mexico. Mrs. Ella Kepple, one of the Disciples of Christ missionaries stationed at the rural center wrote that these people had taken a preparation course offered by the missionaries, so that they might fully understand evangelical Christianity before being baptized and taken into the church.

The Mexico Mission is operating a farm school near Pabellon under sponsorship of the United Christian Missionary Society. In this rural center, boys are being taught both good agricultural methods and daily Christian living habits. Much of the teaching is done by demonstration as a means of preparing the boys to go back to their own rural people as evangelists and farmers.

The interest of the boys in learning from the mission workers is revealed in Mrs. Kepple's letter, sent to the United Society's Foreign Division office. "Now it is class time," she wrote, "and the boys are eager to start!"

Mrs. Ella Kepple, Disciples of Christ missionary, shows one of the boys at the mission rural center how to set the dining table.

Black Star Photo



Black Star Photo
Dan Genung, pastor-director of All Peoples Church and Center stands by the church.

All Peoples Church Holds Planning Retreat

When the coming year's work of All Peoples Christian Church in Los Angeles, Calif. was outlined, the entire church membership participated. A day-long retreat was held on private grounds outside the city. Dan Genung, pastor of the church and director of the community center program, called church families together for the planning meeting. While adults and older youth entered into their committee work, children were led in a day camp at the church and center building.

Functionally organized, All Peoples church puts every member to work on one of its six committees. These groups are responsible for membership cultivation, social action projects, stewardship promotion, supervision of church property, worship and Christian education in the church.

Located in the community formerly served by Japanese Christian Institute, All Peoples is a home missions project of the brotherhood. It is sponsored by the United Christian Missionary Society and serves people of varied racial backgrounds.

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AMONG THE SICK

Mrs. J. E. Tracey is convalescing at the home of her daughter.

Mrs. Paul Truby has returned home after surgery.

Mrs. Amy Shawhan underwent surgery in the Methodist Hospital and is in room 518.

Mr. Adam Ragan is in Room 178, Lutheran Hospital.

NOTES

Mr. J. Hugh Tracey, after attending the International Convention continued on a trip to visit his brother and his niece, Miss Marlene Gaskill.

IN OUR SERVICE

Over twenty visitors were in our Church Worship Service; Oregon, Michigan, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, as well as many from over Indiana were in attendance.

Mrs. Henry Edwards from Newcastle, Indiana, was in church.

Mrs. Richard F. Stauffer, daughter Carolyn and son, David, were in Church Sunday. Mrs. Stauffer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vaught.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison of Wellsville, Ohio, cousins of J. J. McCarel, were guests Sunday. Mr. Harrison is a deacon in our Wellsville Church.

There were two ministers of the Gospel worshipping with us last Sunday.

Mr. R. G. Swain, Editor of the Evening News Banner, Bluffton, Ind., was in Church last Sunday. He has been active in building their Church in Bluffton.

Mrs. Beck, our pastor's wife, was in Church after a long absence due to illness.

Someone wrote a nice letter expressing appreciation for our lighted tower calling it, "The Candle of the Lord."

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel Flowers have been given by our families in memory of loved ones or in honoring birthdays and anniversaries. There are Sundays open during July and August. Call the Church office for date.

A GOOD GIFT

Mr. Arthur C. Klaehn gave \$100.00 to the Building Fund in memory of Alvin McGinnis whose funeral our pastor conducted last Tuesday. Mr. McGinnis was known by Mr. Klaehn since he was a boy.

CHEAT THE CHURCH

A small boy walking down the church steps after Sunday school, flips a nickel in the air and says, "Well that's one nickel the Church won't get!" He thought he had cheated the Church. But did he?

A young couple wind up a Sunday on the golf course. Seated in their car drinking a coke, he says, "Well that is one Sunday the Church won't get!" They thought they had cheated the Church. But did they?

Jesus said that the Sabbath is made for man and not man for the Sabbath. It is so with the Church. No one should be required to give to or go to Church. If the world is not being improved because the Church lives, then the little boy should organize others to withhold their nickels from the Church also. If the world is improved by the Church then the boy has defrauded his own future.

The same is true with the golfers and the sleepers, and all others who gloat of cheating the Church. If the Church is false or dead it should be blocked. Those who see should let the people know. That's what the Communists do! If the Church is on the right track it should have constructive criticism, and ungrudging support. That's what real Christians do!

No one can cheat the church! If she is wrong she should be blocked. If she is right she should be bolstered. Stealing her nickels and skipping her services does neither! One of these days the sleepers and golfers will awaken in a world created by those who cared—one way or the other!

I. W. L.

—Park Avenue Christian, New York



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THERE IS A WAY

We, as a people, were the first to make a plea for Church unity. Our Government, our Democracy, as well as our Christianity is endangered not so much from the outside. Organized society cannot endure without unity anymore than a barrel can hold a form that is useful, as some one has said, without bands to unite the staves. When we love God and our fellow man deep enough our selfish interest is sublimated for the Common Good. Without this unity there is chaos and men will accept tyranny rather than endure chaos.

Church sins, political sins as well as industrial strife arise and freedom is lost when the moral and spiritual law is ignored or not obeyed.

When we plead for Christians to unite, we are actually trying to be an answer to our Lord's Prayer for He prayed that we should all be one.

As to our political and social inter-racial life we shall be ruled "by the handclasp or the lash". There is a way; it is the way of love.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:10 A.M.

Our Summer congregations have been most appreciative, and on time. Our Elders and Deacons have been doing excellently. Our musicians have been a real addition to our worship. A word of praise should be spoken of our Co-Chairman Couples and our Women's Commission on Hospitality. The large number of visitors each Sunday have been handled beautifully by this Commission.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Special Music

Mrs. L. A. Horn, Soloist

Sermon: "Climbing Above Depressions"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.

Religion is definitely related to Character Education.

AMONG OUR VISITORS

In addition to friends of our Church who live in Fort Wayne we had visitors from Pittsburgh, Pa., and Indianapolis, Ind. Also present were Mrs. Lydia Mills a member of the Christian Church at New Castle, Indiana and Mr. and Mrs. William Stiles, former members of the Christian Church in Greencastle, Ind., both of these churches were served by our pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Abbott of Marion, Indiana were guests. Mrs. Abbott directed our choir when she lived in Fort Wayne.

Women Write Declaration of Loyalty

A "Christian Declaration of Loyalty" has been drawn up by the executive board of the United Church Women. The statement is being studied by women of some 25 Protestant church bodies and will be brought before the Biennial Assembly of United Church Women in the fall. In addition to writing their declaration, the women dedicated themselves "as a disciplined group to study, pray and individually to take courageous stands."

The board members also committed themselves as individuals to: "maintain confidence and composure; do basic reading; confer with Congressmen in home states; express basic beliefs to clergymen and laymen and to local school boards concerning personal and academic freedoms; contact and cooperate with community groups taking similar stands; encourage more accurate reporting and more careful interpretation of news; encourage the organization of informal study and discussion groups for men and women through council and church channels."

Included in the Christian Declaration are these statements:

"This is God's world and we are in His care—we do believe.

Earth might be fair—we will strive to do our part in making it so.

Fear comes of the unknown—we will know.

The young and uninformed are open to false teaching—we will share the truth.

Forces of dissension would undermine the very institutions that can overcome Communism—we will become aware of these forces and throw our strength with the superior force of Christianity.

Many valiant defenders of God-given freedom are being wrongfully accused—we will uphold them.

We ourselves may* for our beliefs face disapproval, insinuation or slander—we will stand . . ."



Youth Giving to Aid Causes at Home, Abroad

The Christian World Friendship Fund, with a goal of \$75,000 for 1953-1954, will aid causes in world missions and Christian education.

Among some 18 different causes to benefit from youth giving through Unified Promotion are the world literacy and Christian literature program in which Disciples of Christ participate, scholarships for bringing Christian nationals from other countries to study in the United States, support of young people doing religious work in migrant camps in the U. S. A., Mexican Christian Institute in Texas, student work programs in some 40 university centers in the U. S. A. and religious education field work.

Children's Worker Goes to Trinidad

Miss Ruth Reynolds, national director of children's work leadership education for the Disciples of Christ is doing special work on the islands of Trinidad and Barbados, during the month of August. She is teaching methods of doing religious work with children in observation-practice schools for church school leaders. Miss Reynolds is handling the assignment through the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association.

Disciple Named Chaplains Commission Chairman

Dr. Willard M. Wickizer, executive secretary of the department of church development and evangelism of the United Christian Missionary Society has been named chairman of the General Commission on Chaplains. In addition to Dr. Wickizer, five other Disciples of Christ are members of the commission, in which some 25 Protestant church bodies cooperate.

Missionary Describes "Unfortunate Incident"

Don McMillan, first term missionary to the Belgian Congo tells of what he describes as "an unfortunate incident" which occurred in the mission school at Coquilhatville. He points out that the story is a "concrete example" of what Christianity is doing for the Congolese.

"Dominic, limp with pain, lay on a white hospital bed," Mr. McMillan relates. "His left eye, injured in an accident at school would have to be removed. And he had been such a bright-eyed youngster, full of fun and vigor.

"Dominic's parents were overcome by emotion. The mother, in her grief, remembered the saying of her ancestors: 'An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.' She smeared her body with ashes, took her knife and went to look for the lad who had, unintentionally, wounded her son. She went to the school and said to the teachers, 'Show me the child who wounded my boy. Give him to me and I will dig his eye out.' Only quick action by the teachers prevented her from carrying out her word.

"But Dominic's father said, 'Have I not been with missionaries since I was a little boy? Am I not a Christian? I can do the boy no harm.'"

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth,' but I say to you . . ."

Congolese women are learning many new skills as well as receiving guidance in Christian love, forgiveness and concern for others.
Belgian Government Photo



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Letter from Capt. and Mrs. Irving Denton bring good wishes with a bank check for our church. Capt. Denton is doing an important work in Southwest Pacific. We shall welcome them cordially when they return.

HONORS

Mr. H. W. Sigrist was made first vice-president of the American Association of Auctioneers at their annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

Our minister was elected for a three year term as a member of the Nominating Committee of the United Christian Missionary Society at the business session at the International Convention of The Disciples of Christ in Portland, Oregon.

ON VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Stauffer, Carolyn, David and Deborah are visiting Mrs. Stauffer's parents and grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vaught. Mr. Stauffer is principal of the Ladue High School, a new and modern high school in the residential district of St. Louis.

Miss Sarah Shroyer sent us a card from Kingston, Jamaica. She is on a cruise that will take her to South America. She is taking many pictures. Our people have a Mission and Church in Kingston.

A card was received from Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad who are on a trip.

Miss Doris Beck, our pastor's sister, attended the International Convention of the Business and Professional Women in Stockholm, Sweden and is now on a tour through Europe.

Mrs. Robert T. Beck and Martha Jeannette are visiting Mrs. Beck's father in New Haven, Connecticut.

Our pastor will attend the National Mission on Evangelism held at Green Lake, Wisc., by the National Council of Churches. J. Hugh Tracey will also attend this Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Bret Young sent Orders of Service from churches they attended.

Mr. Paul Strawser is on a trip through the New England States and will be gone for two weeks.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott has gone to California to visit her daughter and family.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Amy Shawhan is still in the Methodist Hospital. Visitors are welcome. Adam Ragan is in the Lutheran Hospital quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitton wish to take this opportunity to thank all their friends in the church who remembered them with expressions of kindness and good will and contributed to the fund which was presented to them at the time of the fire which heavily damaged their home.

THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

The role of government is to protect the voluntary associations which men, acting freely, form to further their private ends. Every man has equal freedom to follow the dictates of his own conscience, and government has no mandate to interfere unless some other man's equal claim to freedom is being impaired.—E. A. Opitz.

A man is educated when he knows he knows how to make friends and keep them, and above all when he keeps friends with himself; when he can be happy alone, and high-minded amid the luxuries of life; when he can look into a way-side puddle and see something besides mud; and into the face of the most forlorn mortal and see something beyond sin; when he knows how to live, how to hope, how to pray . . . in his hand a sword for evil and in his heart a bit of song.

—Joseph Fred Newton

ALCOHOL DEFINED

"The chemist defines it as poison; the biologist defines it as a hazard; the pathologist calls it a narcotic; the sociologist calls it a waste; the economist calls it a parasite; the psychologist calls it a deceiver; the criminologist calls it an accessory after the fact in crime."

—Roy L. Smith

The unconsecrated wealth of Christians is the greatest hindrance to the Church's progress.



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This is a day that is dear,
A day when God is near—
The day when battles ended for a space;
Let it become the conscience of the race.

O sons of time and tears,
The skies are weary of these screaming shells,
The fields are weary of these battle hells:
Send a new vision of the coming years.

Set this great day as a holy day apart,
For dreams of peace, the wisdom of the heart,
Yes, let this day, O men of earth, become
The dawn-rise of a new millennium.

O friends of Christ, this is our dream, for we
Must strive on toward the brotherhood to be—
Toward that great hour of God's ascending sun
When all shall love and all shall lift as one.
—from "Let There Be No More Battles!"
—Edwin Markham

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:05
Sermon

Special Music
Preacher, Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Let us keep our attendance up during the Summer months.

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

This is the last issue of the Tidings until the week of August 31st.

Peter, the Fisherman

"Thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation a stone."

The writers of sacred history never ceased to ponder regarding the amazing story of Simon Peter. Of all the mortals who have crossed the stage of time, none are more interesting than the "fisherman of the Sea of Galilee."

We know more about Simon Peter than any other of the twelve disciples. He talked more, asked more questions, and received more attention both from Jesus and others of the band of followers, than did any other person.

Peter has been described as the disciple who was "consistently inconsistent". Recognizing the divinity of Christ, he sought to advise Him! Declaring his own fear, he walked on the crest of the sea with Him! Rising to supreme heights in the hour of the Great Confession, he sank to the dismal depths of thrice denying any knowledge of the Lord!

Of such clay Jesus moulded "the rock". Pentecost was possible because of Peter. The church, given of the word of Christ, became a zealous, thriving force in ancient Jerusalem because of the complete dedication of Peter.

What was the secret of such a stewardship of life?

The very first encounter of Peter with Jesus marked the beginning of the transformation of his life. "Depart from me; I am a sinful man, O Lord," cried Peter, after Jesus had shared his boat. He recognized the shortcomings of his own life.

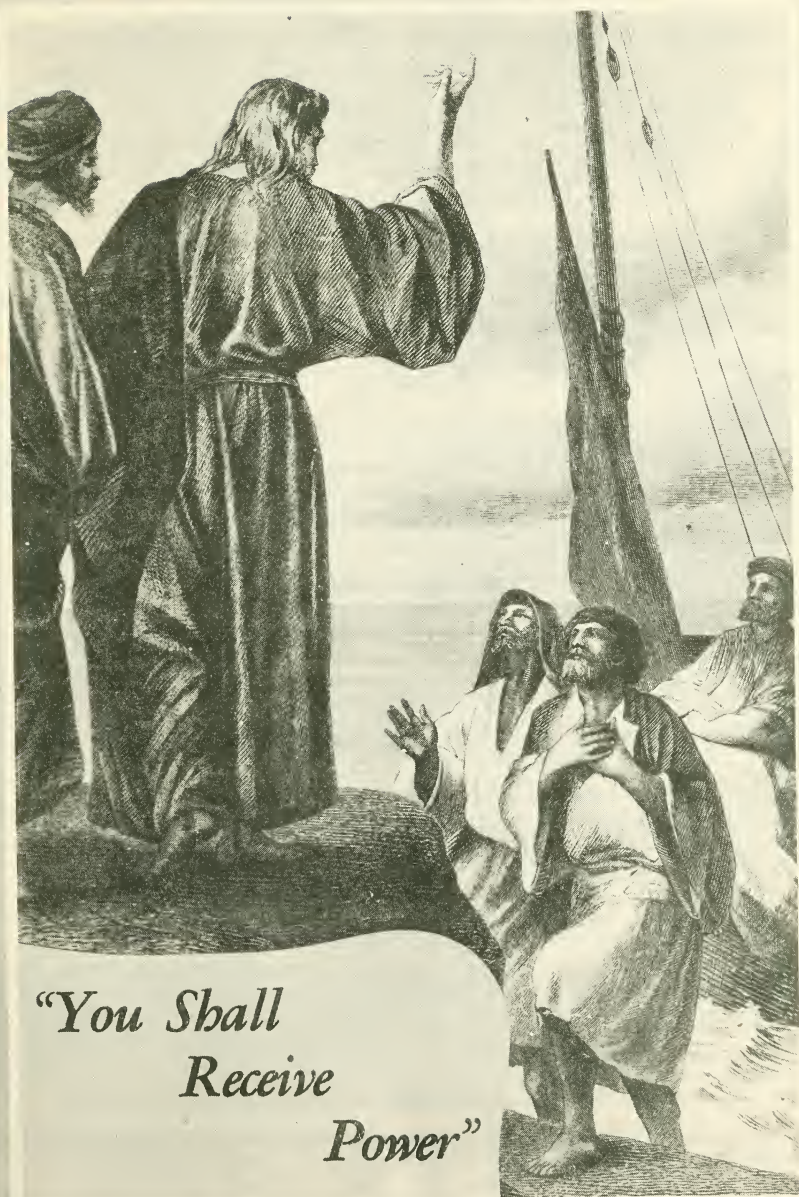
The Great Confession, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God," was destined in the annals of mankind to become the primal utterance of all human lips.

Soon after the time of the Great Confession many who had followed Jesus turned away. The Master asked the twelve, "Will ye also go away?" Peter replied, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." Jesus was not merely a great prophet, He was the Savior of mankind!

In the closing hours of his earthly ministry Christ asked, "Simon . . . lovest thou me more than these?" Out of a fully dedicated heart came the answer, "Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love Thee."

The stewardship of the total life was a physical manifestation of a deep spiritual transformation. The clay had become "the rock!" The impulsive, unpredictable Peter became the spokesman of God, the leader in the church. Boats and fishnets, once the chief end in life, were now secondary concerns. Then, could he say,

„Silver and gold have I none, but that which I have I give unto Thee . . . in the name of Jesus Christ, walk."



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WELCOME — NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome these fine couples into our fellowship: Mr. and Mrs. Scott Powers; Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Cook; and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Sanders.

Our pastor held a Service of Blessing last Sunday, for baby, Rita Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

August 2—Harold W. Crowder — Floyd E. Morrical

August 9—Gail J. Roe — Owen O. Vaught

August 16—Robert E. Clipp — Henry M. Flowers

August 23—Albert Egly — John S. Craig

August 30—Hugh D. Rice — Eural G. Rose

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Captain Allen Garee, A-65793—J. E. Tracey, Romane H. Cole, Eppie R. Baker, Merland G. Heller, Clayton Yoquelet, Jerry L. Brubaker, Harry Griggs, Marvin L. Crouse, Powell A. Rayburn, Bret R. Young, Delmas Young.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers for next Sunday are the gift of the Men's Class.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Edith Darby suffered a broken ankle in a fall last week. She is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Second floor.

Mrs. Ollie Wiley underwent surgery to remove cataracts. She is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Robert Burnworth is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 254.

COMING EVENTS — CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Women's Fellowship are to serve a banquet to the Public School Teachers of Fort Wayne on September 9th, at the church. It is suggested that the women mark this date on their calendar since many will be on vacation between now and then and it will be impossible to make many contacts for help until after Labor Day, which gives the committee in charge only one day to make such contacts. This is the day school starts so most families will be back in town. Don't wait to be called just report to group leaders if your services are available.

The Fellowship will sponsor a rummage sale October 9-10 and church members are asked to save their rummage for this event.



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LABOR DAY SUNDAY

"They who tread the path of labor follow where My feet have trod;
They who work without complaining do the holy will of God."

—Henry van Dkye

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:05 A.M.

Special Music
Miss Anita Fitch, Soloist

Sermon:

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Elder Schedule for September

September 6, Wm. H. Crouse — James R. Shockney
September 13, Dr. A. C. Worley — Dale Parkerson
September 20, John Z. Berlien — Preston Somers
September 27, Floyd E. Morrical — Harold W. Crowder

Deacons Schedule for September

Harold K. Pritchard, Captain, A-36712. J. Hugh Tracey, Robert E. Working, Clarence Hendrickson, Ralph J. Richard, Kenneth Lytle, Dr. R. W. Goebel, A. Howard Wise, Meldren S. Kreps, Everett W. Evans, John C. Cole and Cecil A. Kinzie.

If you cannot serve please call your Captain.

The Official Board

The regular September Board meeting has been set ahead to September 15. Please keep this date in mind.

Will **Chairmen of Committees** be thinking of their activities for Fall and be prepared to bring their suggestions for a Program of Work to the Board meeting on the 15th.

27 Work Camps Held In Europe and Asia

This year, 27 international Protestant youth work camps are scheduled by the youth department of the World Council of Churches. Nineteen of the camps were conducted last summer in Europe. Around 600 young people from the United States and other countries joined in these projects. In the Netherlands they worked in flooded areas on special construction jobs. Five to eight hours daily were put into hard labor for no pay. Camps were held also in Austria, Germany, Italy and Scotland.

The purpose of work camps is to bring together young Protestants from various nations, of diverse races, beliefs and traditions, to join in meeting specific human needs.

Under the tropical sun in South Thailand a group of young campers recently held the attention of the entire community as they hand-dug the foundation for a new maternity center for charity patients. For seven days the youthful laborers—Americans, Thai and Malaysians—shoveled and perspired, exchanging comments in English or “frac-

tured Thai,” much to the interest of a crowd which gathered each day to watch the operation. In another two weeks the campers built an irrigation dam so that farmers might have water in the dry season. They painted the interior of a church and dug the foundation for a new boys’ school.

Disciples of Christ young people who took part in the ecumenical work camps were Kenneth W. Darnell of Princeton, Ky. and Polly Ann Reed of Hannibal, Mo. Kenneth was in the camp at Mainz, Germany and Polly Ann worked at Riziani, Greece.

Large-scale housing projects require a new approach by churches; according to a writer for the National Council of Churches’ publication, *The City Church*. Housing projects in cities and suburban communities produce new patterns of life, the writer points out. The families in housing projects live in a unified community—a planned community, mostly made up of newcomers whose incomes are about at the same level. It takes more than a conventional ministry to evangelize these new communities, the writer declares.

Labor Sunday - 1953

Each September, for the past forty years, Labor Sunday has been observed in churches of many communions. For the 1953 observance a message has been prepared by lay and pastoral leaders in the department of church and economic life of the National Council of Churches.

The Labor Sunday statement proposes that “if equitable solutions to the common problems of employers and their employees are mutually sought in good faith they can be found . . . Thousands of labor contracts are negotiated by union and management representatives each year without bitterness or strikes. In working for civil rights, increased production, job opportunities, adequate wages, social responsibility and a free world community, we are working for each other and for God who seeks to realize his purpose of justice and freedom in the affairs of men . . . Since God is our Father, we must ever strive to work together as brothers.”



Arturo Andrade breaks ground for the new church at Pabellon, Aguascalientes, Mexico.

Preaching Circuit Formed in Mexico

Several rural, pastorless churches in Mexico are being served by a "circuit minister," young Cuauhtemoc Andrade, son of Arturo Andrade who is pastor of the Christian church of Aguascalientes. The congregations thus served are Pabellon, Cocio and Zacatecas. Assisting the young pastor are missionaries and students from the Mission Rural Center, "Mountain of Light Farm," near Pabellon.

As head of the department of evangelism for the Mexican churches of Disciples of Christ, Sr. Andrade reports that "the brethren of Pabellon are singing because they are beginning construction of a building which will serve as a sanctuary and for other church activities in that area." Sr. Andrade officiated at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Pabellon church, early in 1953.

In the rural churches of central Mexico there is a common problem, Sr. Andrade points out. This is their great poverty, for there has been no harvest.

"But thanks to God," he adds, "there is no spiritual poverty." Three of the larger churches sent offerings for the needy church people of Jamaica. "If we could send money in proportion to our love for the Jamaican brothers," he declares, "their problems would be solved."

More than 900 missionaries have been sent to foreign fields by mission boards of the Disciples of Christ since the first missionary went to Jerusalem in 1851, sponsored by the American Christian Missionary Society. Of these, more than 100 have been commissioned by The United Christian Missionary Society since 1946. Transfers of some workers from field to field make the totals somewhat difficult to figure, but about 204 Disciples of Christ missionaries have gone to India, 73 to the Philippines, 103 to Japan, 161 to China, 179 to Latin America, 61 to Jamaica, 154 to Africa, 25 to Tibet and three to Thailand.

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Our Men of the Church

Men of the church are progressing well with the big and important task of seeding the church lawn. Work has been done on the dates listed by the following men: August 22, William Crouse, Earl Fusselman, Virgil Buchanan, Eural Rose and Henry Flowers. August 24, Clair Buskirk with tractor, J. Hugh Tracey, J. E. Tracey, Dwight and Allan Flowers and Wendell Rose. August 27, Paul Strawser, Henry Flowers, and Dwight Flowers. August 29, Myron Cole, Clay Orchard, Howard Wise, William Tracey, Hugh Tracey, J. E. Tracey, Jerry Brubaker, William Crouse, Merl Heller, Paul Whitton, Don Eyer and Virgil Buchanan. August 31, Hugh Tracey, J. E. Tracey, Homer Koomler with tractor and Henry Flowers.

Men who can work Saturday, September 5, Labor Day or Saturday, September 12, call Henry Flowers, K-2220; Bill Crouse, H-67110; or Hugh Tracey, A-98784.

The Church also wishes to recognize the volunteer work done by Don Eyer, Virgil Buchanan and Earl Fusselman in mowing the weeds on the church site.

Christian Women's Fellowship

The Christian Women's Fellowship will serve a banquet to the Public School Teachers of Fort Wayne on September 9th. They will sponsor a Rummage Sale October 9-10 and church members are asked to save their rummage.

Friendly Class

The Friendly Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Fern Teeple, 717 Union St., Friday evening, September 4 at 8 P.M.

On Our Prayer List

These are the folk who have been reported sick in the last several weeks: Mrs. J. F. Riethmiller, Lutheran Hospital, Mrs. Edith Darby, 207 S. Seminole; Mrs. Edith Stevens, Methodist Hospital; Mrs. Mabel Rayburn, 1201 E. Columbia; Mrs. Amy Shawhan, Methodist Hospital; Mr. Don Miller, 1213½ Burgess St.; Mr. F. M. Shambaugh, 726 Lawton Place; Rebecca Buskirk, R.R. 4; Mr. John Jefferies, Lutheran Hospital; Mr. Adam Ragan, R.R. 2, Kendallville, Lutheran Hospital; Mrs. Myrtle Strout, Methodist Hospital.

New Prospective Members

New babies in our Church Family: A son to Mr. and Mrs. Newell B. Kean, Jr. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Lovell, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Broyles, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Merrill, Co-Chairman Couple for September; Mrs. C. P. Ludwig, Hospitality Chairman for September.



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MORE POWER TO THE CHURCH

As we enter into our Fall program we are facing great possibilities and opportunities. A plant almost fabulous in its potentialities, a membership of devoted people, fine facilities for worship and an area largely unchurched point to a golden future for the Disciples of Christ in Fort Wayne. Let us drink deeply of our father's courage and daring and in the spirit of Christ move out unafraid to a glorious year. More power to the Church comes with vision and consecration.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.

Sermon: "Bread From Heaven"

Soloist, Mrs. J. E. Weicker

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Sunday we shall welcome back all those who have been on vacation, both teachers and pupils. Let everyone be in his place this Sunday.

A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL GIFT

As a beautiful gift "Carillon Bells" manufactured by the Schulmeriah Carillons of Sellersville, Pa., will be placed in the Church tower by J. Hugh Tracey—a deacon in our church, as a memorial to his wife Mary, his daughter Rita Lee, and his son Douglas, whom he lost by death this last year.

The dynamic range, tonal quality and undistorted volume of the "Carillon Bells" delight musician as well as the average passerby. The bells will speak good will to our community, in and about the Church and will speak the comfort and faith to those who hear them.

The bells can be played from the console of the organ and can be played simultaneously with the organ.

In making this gift Brother Tracey is rendering an invaluable service to the Church and community as well as memorializing his dear wife and lovely children—and we thank him.

The installation has been promised for the latter part of November.

OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. James C. Bartholomew, our new director of Music, will take up her duties this Thursday at 7:30 P.M. Included in her duties will be the directing of the Sanctuary choir, the establishing of High School and Junior choirs.

Mrs. Bartholomew comes to this position with a rich musical experience. She is a graduate of the University of Oregon. While a student she studied organ under Dr. Donald Allton and piano with Dr. Arnold Elston. She was accompanist

"Religion in American Life" Expands

American business and advertising contributions to the 1952 "Religion in American Life" campaign totalled some four million dollars, according to a report of the Advertising Council. Since it was established, four years ago, "Religion in American Life" has conducted a national non-sectarian campaign each November to emphasize the importance of religion in personal and community life, and to urge all Americans to attend and support the church or synagogue of their choice.

In 1952 virtually every radio station in America contributed time for RIAL programs and spot announcements. Films, slides and other visual materials were widely used on commercial and sustaining TV programs. The outdoor advertising industry contributed more than five thousand 24-sheet poster showings (billboards). The transportation and advertising industry contributed space for 98,700 bus, train and subway car cards. More than seven thousand 3-sheet posters were displayed on railroad and subway platforms. Newspapers and advertisers cooperated on 10,000 newspaper ads in some 1,700 daily and weekly newspapers.

The "Religion in American Life" program was started by a layman's committee composed of members of the three major faiths.

Fundamental Education Underway at Jarvis

Students and faculty at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Tex. were joined last summer by a group from Southern Christian Institute in campus projects in fundamental education. Through the summer work program, teachers and students became better acquainted with the meaning of the fundamental education program which is being launched at Jarvis and gained insight into problems confronting both the

school and the people of nearby communities.

The group did library cataloguing, canned produce, planned balanced diets, repaired and decorated campus buildings, worked on insect control on the school farm, cared for farm animals, improved the campus and promoted student enrollment for the 1953-54 term.

Thailand Mission Holds Golden Jubilee

Early in June the Churches of Christ Thailand Mission observed its fiftieth year of operations. Opened in 1903 by missionaries of the British Churches of Christ, the Thailand Mission is now being jointly conducted by the British Missionary Committee and The United Christian Missionary Society.

A happy feature of the Golden Jubilee celebration was the opening of the new school at Sam Yek.

A few weeks earlier Mrs. Edna Gish, Disciples of Christ missionary, reported that "The work in Sam Yek is getting off to a good start. The school building is completed, two workers moved in and about 40 students enrolled when classes started in May. When educational films were shown to the community, about 250 attended."

Progress was also reported in services of the mission hospital at Nakon Pathom, made possible by addition of a new surgical lamp and operating table in the surgical department.

Social Action Filmstrip Available to Churches

First Church Serves Its Community is the title of a new sound filmstrip in black and white which has been produced by the department of audiovisual services of the United Society. Planned and distributed through the department of social welfare, the filmstrip describes the concern of one family about the social problems of its community. The story shows how the family inspires its church to survey the community's needs and points a way for the church to serve its neighborhood.

Other films ready for showings in the churches include *Colima Street*, the story of Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, Tex., told in a series of color photographs and recordings. The filmstrip is being used by a number of groups in connection with the current study of Spanish-speaking Americans.

Delegates to the 1953 U. N. Seminar have had a filmstrip and script made available to them by the department of social welfare for use in interpreting the seminar and the United Nations.

Missionaries Receive Helpful New Books

The Department of missionary selection and training of the United Society sends several books annually to each missionary on the foreign field or at home on furlough. The purpose of the project is to provide mission workers with reading material which could be helpful to them in their work. That the missionaries find the books useful is shown in their appreciative comments: "we are sharing the books with others," "it is not easy for us to get such new books," and "every book has been discussed in our group meetings."

Mexican farm boys learn about bee culture at the Mission Rural Center near Pabellón. Byron Spice (left), Disciples of Christ missionary, transferred with Mrs. Spice in August from Mexico to the Paraguay Mission where he is engaging in evangelistic work in Asunción.



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of the University of Oregon Vesper Choir and assistant organist and director of the Girl's Vesper Choir of the First Christian Church of Eugene, Oregon. At the University of Denver, she studied under E. Robert Schmetz, French Concert Pianist. In San Francisco, she took coaching in German Lieder from Fritz Berens. For three years she was organist and director of the Vesper Choir of the First Christian Church of San Francisco, and in three months tour of California as accompanist to members of the San Francisco Opera Company.

During 1949-50 Mrs. Bartholomew was a member of the Faculty of Leland Stanford University.

While in Schenectady she was director of Music of the Union Avenue Christian Church. Here she was a member of Etude and Crotchets and Quavers music clubs.

Mrs. Bartholomew is a member of Phi Beta National Honorary music and drama fraternity.

Mr. Bartholomew was chairman of the Board of Deacons in our Church at Schenectady. Katie is their three year old daughter. We shall all want to give them the cordial welcome that only First Christian can give.

At the close of next Sundays Morning Service an informal reception will be held for Mr. and Mrs. James C. Bartholomew in the Church Parlors. The members of the Church are invited to meet these fine young people who have come to our church.

GREETINGS

From Europe, from the Carribean, from the North, South, East and West came greetings to the pastor and family from many members. These kindly thoughts and remembrances were greatly appreciated this summer.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Women's Fellowship meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, September 15 at 8 P.M. in the Church Parlor. Mrs. Meldren Kreps will bring Devotions. The Program will be a Playlet by Mrs. John Craig and Mrs. Stanley Cole. Special music by Mrs. Roland Ripple. The EXECUTIVE will meet at 7:15 P.M. prior to the General meeting.

The Dr. E. K. Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Charles Fuchshuber, 508 Lavina St. on Monday evening, September 14 at 7:30 P.M. The Program, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways" will be presented by Mrs. Howard Wise.

CHURCH LAWN SEEDING PROGRESSES

Our church members are continuing to give fine co-operation in landscaping and seeding the church lawn. Clair Buskirk worked September 2 with his tractor. Those who worked September 5, at which time the northeast section was seeded, follow: Hugh Rice, with garden tractor, Neil Allen, Harold Crowder, Cecil Rice, Paul Whitton, Hugh Tracey, Virgil Buchanan with garden tractor, John Craig, Earl Fusselman, Paul Yentes, Maurice Allen, Merle Rice, and Bea Rice. Homer Koomler donated use of a dump truck and fill dirt. He also has donated five loads of top soil.

Financial donations for the lawn work follow: Progressive Class \$26.00, and a total of \$75.00 given by Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Birkhold, Mrs. Olive Roy, Paul Strawser and David Griggs.

We wish to get in another big day of work Saturday, September 12. Anyone who can work report about 8:30 A.M. or notify William Crouse, Henry Flowers or Hugh Tracey.

AMONG OUR SICK

Don Miller is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, having suffered a heart attack. Mr. Eural G. Rose is a patient in Lutheran Hospital having undergone surgery last week.

Mrs. Delmas Young is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital. Mrs. George Malcolm and Mrs. Amy Shawhan are patients in Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. P. A. Rayburn is a patient in Caylor-Nichel Clinic, Bluffton.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Carl Broyles and his family in the loss of his dear mother.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet on Tuesday evening, September 15, at 8 o'clock in the Dining Hall.



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JUST BEING PRESENT

It seems a small matter just being present on Sunday—but what an influence it can have on our lives. At the conclusion of the Twenty-Third Psalm is the simple declaration that the Psalmist will "dwell in the House of the Lord forever." It means you know you belong—it expresses your loyalty. You are where God and His people are. You are about His Table. Belonging, you are a host in God's House to all comers. If there be need, you are present. Being present means you are there to bless and to be blessed. "I was glad when they said unto me, "let us go into the House of the Lord."" Just being present is important. It is Christian.

MORNING WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M. Anthem: "Cherubim Song" Bortniansky
 Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist Soloist: Mrs. Alan C. Bell
 Director of Music: Mrs. James C. Bartholomew
 Sermon: "An Understanding Heart" Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Here an opportunity is provided for children, youth, adults, to study the Bible, Christian attitudes and the Christian Way of Life. The tensions of the past decade are pointing non-church members to the Church School and the Sanctuary. Include Church School and Worship Service in your Sunday Morning plans.

MEN'S FORUM — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th 5 to 7 P.M.

James Shockney, President

A special program is being planned for the first meeting this Fall. Men! Keep this date open. Men's organizations are growing in Nation. The Men's Forum is among the pioneers. Let First Christian Men lead out in Program and action.

AMONG OUR SICK

Donald W. Miller, 3629 E. Pontiac St. continues in St. Joseph's Hospital. These young people, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, were baptized, attended Sunday School, were



David Luo



Barbara Danforth



William Allen

College Young People Tell Why They Want to Become Missionaries

Each year when volunteers for foreign service appear before the board of trustees of The United Christian Missionary Society, these young men and women explain briefly what influenced them to decide for Christian service. In nearly every case, it is discovered that Christian parents, pastors and other leaders who have been known to the young people helped them to make their decisions.

Here are statements from several of the new missionary candidates who were approved by the board of trustees in the spring of 1953, and who are now continuing their college preparation for mission work abroad; David Luo, a native of China, came to this country to study police methods, as a representative of the Chinese Nationalist Government. Women of the Hillside Christian Church in Wichita, Kans., he said encouraged him and helped him to see that "in this dreadful time there is no other power to save us than the power of Christ."

Barbara Danforth, Phillips University student said she had heard Robin Cobble, the Congo missionary speak in

her church. He impressed her so with the needs of Africa that she never forgot it and felt after that "every missionary call was to *me*."

William Allen, Bethany College student made his decision to enter missionary service while in a summer young peoples conference. He declared, "It is hard to deny the light in the eyes of returning missionaries."

Two children of missionaries were among the new candidates. John Huegel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Huegel of Mexico, told the board that he wants to "proclaim the joys of a risen Saviour to the people of Mexico who only know a dead Christ." Robert Bates, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. Searle Bates, formerly missionaries to China, explained that he wants to "respond to the need of people in Asia for peace and security and meaning in their lives."

Robert Gipe, Butler University student told how in the Army Air Force during the war he "fought for peace man's way" and now he wants to give his life, if need be, "fighting for peace God's way."

Briefs . . .

A six-months study of Christian colleges in India was begun September 1 under sponsorship of the National Council of Churches Division of Foreign Missions. Educators making the study will report to the interdenominational group in March, 1954.

A representative of Haskell Institute for Indians, Lawrence, Kans. wrote in an issue of the *Indian Affairs Newsletter*, published by the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches that "Segregation in any form has no real and lasting place in the Christian world." He called for a "full measure of integration" for American Indians.

Mrs. Rosemary Huff, Disciples of Christ missionary to Japan has recently joined the faculty of Women's Christian College in Tokyo. She is the first representative of the brotherhood to serve on the staff of this interdenominational school. Her husband, Howard Huff, began September 1 as a teacher of New Testament in Japan Biblical Seminary, Tokyo.

Christian Family Life Grows in the Congo

"I marvel at the Christian family life that is growing among our people when I see what family life can be in the heathen state," Miss Buena Stober, Disciples of Christ missionary wrote to her own family recently. "We have our culprits," she admitted, "but there are so many fine families growing up in the church that when they sing our translation of the *Little Brown Church in the Vale* it really means something to young folks at Mondombe." Some

of these young couples, according to Miss Stober came out of heathen homes, first learning to read in classes held under a tree in the back country. Then they came to the mission schools and since becoming Christians have developed into responsible homemakers and church leaders.

National DSF Conference Held

The annual conference of the Disciples Student Fellowship was held in August at Lake Geneva, Wis. Presiding over many of the sessions was the 1953 DSF president, Wayne Moss, Phillips University student and a candidate for foreign missionary work.

At the national conference, Disciples of Christ college and university students from across the nation gathered for a week of fellowship and serious study together. Each morning they met in small groups for Bible study, concentrating on the Sermon on the Mount. In the afternoons they held "how-to-do-it" sessions on ways of conducting a religious program on campuses. The closing morning a lakeside communion service inspired the delegates.

Wayne Moss



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married in our Church and have the prayers of this congregation.

Delmas Young has been consigned to his bed for one month with a liver infection. Mrs. Young has just returned from the hospital. Last Saturday, friends came out to the Youngs, dug the potatoes, picked tomatoes and fruit which will be canned and left much on their roadside market all of which was sold. The Church feels for this fine family during their time of stress and sorrow. Further, Mr. Young's father was buried last Sunday near Blomington. He had been confined to his bed since last Spring. May God's comfort be in this home.

OCTOBER 11th

The District Convention will be held in this Church on Sunday, October 11th, afternoon and evening. Mark this Sunday for your Church. Morning, Afterson and Night.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Let every woman in the Church save the second Tuesday of every month for Christian Women's Fellowship. Spiritual strength, interesting companionship, educational opportunity, Christian service, here await every woman of the Church.

NEW BABY IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A son born August 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Miller, 1213½ Bufigess St. Congratulations and best wishes to the proud parents.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. John Craig suffered a broken arm last Saturday.

Mr. John C. Varner is a surgical patient in room 525, Methodist Hospital.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

We are seeking CHOIR members for one of the most joyful works of service for the Lord. THURSDAY 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. Experience not necessary. Beginning September 24, instruction on the elements of musical notation will be given for a short period at each rehearsal.

MORE OF CHURCH LAWN SEEDED

Wet ground interferred with seeding of the church lawn Saturday, September 12, but the section immediately in front of the church was seeded. The following men worked: William Crouse, Robert Clipp, Eppie Baker, Cecil Rice, J. E. Tracey, Henry Flowers and Hugh Rice. Friends of our church have cooperated in the project. Melburn Pool donated 16 pounds of timothy seed. C. A. Sipe and Moellerling Mills provided grass seed at cost, and Stiffler's Hardware provided fertilizer at cost.

Only a week or two remains before it may be too late to get the grass up this Fall. If you can work Saturday please call Henry Flowers, K-2220, or report at 8:30 A.M.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Mrs. T. R. Eiler, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Miss Anita Fitch and Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad represented the Fellowship Guild at the Guild Conference held last week-end at Lake Barbee.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers for September 20 are the gift of Miss Donna Leversee.

The Chancel flowers are often given in memory of loved ones; for birthday and wedding anniversaries. Should you desire to make a gift of Chancel flowers the following Sundays are not taken: September 27, October 11, November 1, 8, 15, 22, and December 6, 13, 20, 27. The cost is \$5.00 per Sunday. Please see Miss Sarah Shroyer or call the office, to make reservation.



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14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION LAST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER TO LAST SUNDAY IN DECEMBER

A Call to Every Member and Every Home To Devoted Living
Study, Prayer — Service — Stewardship
Evangelism — Woship

Our membership grouped into Circles of ten families or members — So everyone will be made thoroughly acquainted with this program.

We urge you to claim the promises which are found in most every verse of devotion in the Bible.

"If Thou wilt turn again"
 "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of thine increase so shall thy barns be full".

"He that is faithful in a few things shall be ruler over many."

It is inclusive, "Let everyone of you" "Blessed is the man whose delight is in the Lord and upon His law doth he meditate day and night."

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

God claims our thoughts, our speech, our worship, our experience, our time and our money. **God claims our hearts.**

Pray, study, worship, sing, work. **Give, Share, Serve!**

Claim for these 14 Weeks the joy of living — **A Devoted Christian Life!**

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M. Anthem: "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee", Bach
 Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Soloist: Mrs. Robert E. Cocherille
 Director of Music: Mrs. James C. Bartholomew

Sermon: "Being Christian In An Age of Terror" Preacher: Our Pastor
 Many visitors worship with us on Sunday. We are known as a friendly and reverent congregation. Never fail to speak to those about you — join in the singing of the hymns, enter into the spirit of the special music from our fine choir.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Promotion and Recognition Sunday on the First Sunday in October. This will be our **RALLY DAY**. Let all members be on hand for this service.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

First Meeting of Fall

Bonnie Fusselman, President, presiding. Good program — good eats — plans for Fall Conference — Also plans for visit of Associate President of the International C.Y.F. in November. Also—plans for election of officers.

For All Children Faith In God

Emphasis of Christian Education Week

Most of the churches cooperating in the National Council of Churches observe Christian Education Week annually. This year, the emphasis in the special week is placed upon the churches' responsibility for helping all children develop faith in God. Attention is being given also to arousing each adult to his personal and group responsibility for children, by example and Christian teaching.

The importance of this emphasis upon developing children's faith is shown in some statistics on the American people. Currently, there are some 1,000 divorces every day. One out of five mothers of children under 18 is working. Delinquency is on the increase and millions of children are not enrolled in any church school.

Stimulated by Christian Education Week, congregational meetings and conferences of church school workers are being held across the country to consider ways of improving work with children and the growth of leaders and parents. Visitation programs are being launched with the idea of reaching more of the unchurched families in each community. An excellent new film, *For Every Child*, is being released in connection with Christian Education Week.



Black Star Photo
Children receive training and experience in leading worship programs in Sunday morning church schools.

Morris Pullin Joins United Society Staff

Morris Pullin, formerly state director of Christian education in Missouri, joined the national staff of the United Christian Missionary Society on Sep-

tember 1. He follows Joe Babb who resigned to become state secretary-director of Louisiana. As national director of leadership field program in the department of religious education, Mr. Pullin works with state directors of religious education, helping them to improve their services to the churches, and has charge of the training of new field staff workers.

Since 1952, Mr. Pullin has been executive vice president of the Missouri Council of Churches. He has been a Disciples of Christ minister in Michigan and Indiana and at one time taught Hebrew at Butler University School of Religion in Indianapolis. He is a graduate of Butler University and the University of Chicago Divinity School.

Missionary Candidates Serve Internships

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Byerlee, candidates for foreign service under the United Society are going this fall to the Belgian Congo to begin internships of 18 to 24 months. Son of the missionary, David A. Byerlee, William will serve as a printer's apprentice in the mission press. Mrs. Byerlee will engage in special services on the mission station. Upon returning to the United States the Byerlees expect to continue their required graduate training for mission work.

Two other missionary candidates served internships abroad during the past summer. Miss Corinne Kerfoot, who hopes to become a missionary nurse in India, spent the summer working in Hope Hospital at Aguascalientes, Mexico. While helping the mission hospital staff, she gained valuable experience in her profession and learned something of living and working in a foreign country. Miss Estelle Miller, who expects to do nursing in India, took part in the Jamaica Work Camp, sponsored last summer by the student work office and department of social welfare of the United Society.

Dr. Bates Studies African Ministry

Dr. M. Searle Bates, former missionary to China and a member of the teaching staff of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, is spending six months in Africa this year. With several other churchmen and educators he is conducting a survey of the African ministry south of the Sahara Desert. The group visited the Disciples of Christ Congo Mission in August.

The United Society is helping to support the interdenominational study which has been described by mission executives as "a very important beginning to a new approach to the training of Christian ministers in Africa."

Churches in 15 States Visited This Fall

Churches in 15 states and areas requesting a visit from state and national brotherhood workers are scheduled for team visits during the fall months. This is a part of the local church visitation program begun in 1952. During October and November, teams will be in churches in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Northern California, Iowa, Washington, North Carolina, South Carolina, Arizona, New Mexico, the Capital Area, Indiana, Ohio and Georgia.

New Preachers' School Started in the Congo

The first class of young men to take advanced training for the ministry in the Disciples of Christ Congo Mission is enrolled this year at Congo Christian Institute near Bolenge, which also offers specialized training for teachers and medical assistants.

The Disciples of Christ are conducting the Preachers' School to prepare ministers for the Congo churches. Eighteen boys are enrolled in the first class. They are being given practical training in the churches as well as courses of study. The Congo Mission has hopes for the school to develop into a full-scale seminary, which will train leaders who can some day take their places in the councils and fellowship of the world church.

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WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Bartholomew and Mrs. Milo F. Miller new members in our Church. We welcome them into our fellowship and worship.

USHERS SCHOOL

Mr. H. W. Sigrist will provide scholarships for those men who will attend.

DRIVE TO PARKING AREA

If anyone or any group wish to furnish concrete — we have offer of forms and labor and manpower for driveway rom Calhoun Street to parking area.

MEN'S FORUM

Sunday, October 4th — 5 to 7 P.M.

Charley Share—tallest of the Zollner Pistons will be introduced by our own Dike Eddleman in an unusual program. Put this date for sure on your Church Calendar. Other features to be announced by our President James Shockney.

THE CHOIR

Our Music Director, Mrs. James Bartholomew has great plans for the music for First Christian. Every member is under obligation to give this important part of our Church a great boost.

OUR CHURCH VISITOR

Our Church Visitor, Mrs. Chester L. Follis, is receiving a cordial reception in the homes she is visiting. She will assist in the 14 Weeks of devotion.

"We Regretfully Say Farewell But With A God Bless You"

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griggs have moved to River Falls, Wisconsin where he has joined the teaching staff of the State Teachers College. He will be head of Journalism Department. These fine young people were most faithful members. Mr. Griggs was a deacon and a member of our choir.

Mr. and Mrs. William Munro and son have moved to Lafayette where Mr. Munro has a fine position as an accountant. These people were married by the pastor, the baby blessed in our church. Mr. Munro was a deacon and all were active here.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. C. W. Winfield on September 30 at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Ruth Braun will bring devotions. Please note the **change in date**.

Women of CWF are planning their annual visitation to the Emily E. Flinn Home at Marion this year on October 29th. All women in the Church are asked to share in the preparation of winter supplies. Canned fruit, vegetables, or food for storage such as potatoes, squashes, etc. If you cannot go to Marion, bring your offerings to the Church kitchen or cash may be given to the Chairman of Service, Mrs. F. E. Morrical or to the CWF President, Mrs. Henry Flowers.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers for next Sunday are the gift of David Griggs.

ANNUAL FALL PICNIC

The Progressive Class will hold its Annual Fall picnic at Foster Park in the large pavilion Sunday, September 27th at 12:30 P.M. Coffee will be furnished.

Fall Seeding Nearly Completed

With fine co-operation from many men of the church, Fall seeding is nearing completion. Rain prevented a capable crew from working Saturday, a crew pitched in Tuesday and did the work. A great credit is due Hugh Tracey for being a driving force behind the work and one of the hardest workers.

Hugh Tracey supervised work of bulldozer September 17, and worked with a tractor loaned by C. A. Sipe September 18. Homer Koomler used his rototiller September 18. Hugh Tracey and J. E. Tracey removed stones September 21. The crew last Tuesday was Hugh Tracey, J. E. Tracey, Eppie Baker, Paul Strawser and Henry Flowers. Hugh Rice loaned his garden tractor for the day.

Appreciation also goes to James Shockney, John Berlien and Hugh Tracey for financial donations. Clair Buskirk and C. A. Sipe loaned seeders.



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SUNDAY IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 14 WEEKS DEVOTION to the LAST SUNDAY in DECEMBER WHAT IS THIS PERIOD OF DEVOTION

For 14 Weeks, fellow Christians, you are asked to live lives of deep devotion to Christ and His Church.

(1) Put the Church—its worship and teaching services first on your schedule for these 14 weeks. Accept Christ's invitation and be at His Table each and every Sunday.

(2) Daily enrich your devotion to Christ by reading the Bible and devotional literature. Observe regular periods for prayer and meditation.

(3) Support your Church with your means more liberally. Consider tithing.

If at all possible tithe for this period.

(4) Become interested in others. Read concerning the great program of Evangelism in our Communion this year — reach others, lead them into the Church.

To use the spiritual life of our Church in a great united program will bring results! Each Sunday the attendance of our groups of ten will be recorded.

This week, every week, support your Church. Make this faith of ours, a source of strength and comfort, a real force in times like these.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Director of Music: Mrs. James C. Bartholomew

Sermon: "The Only God A Man Has"

Anthem: "My God and I", Sergei

"O Lord Most Holy", Franck

Soloist: Mrs. J. E. Weicker

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

This Week Is National Education Week

The High School Choir will meet for its first practice at 9:15 A.M.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

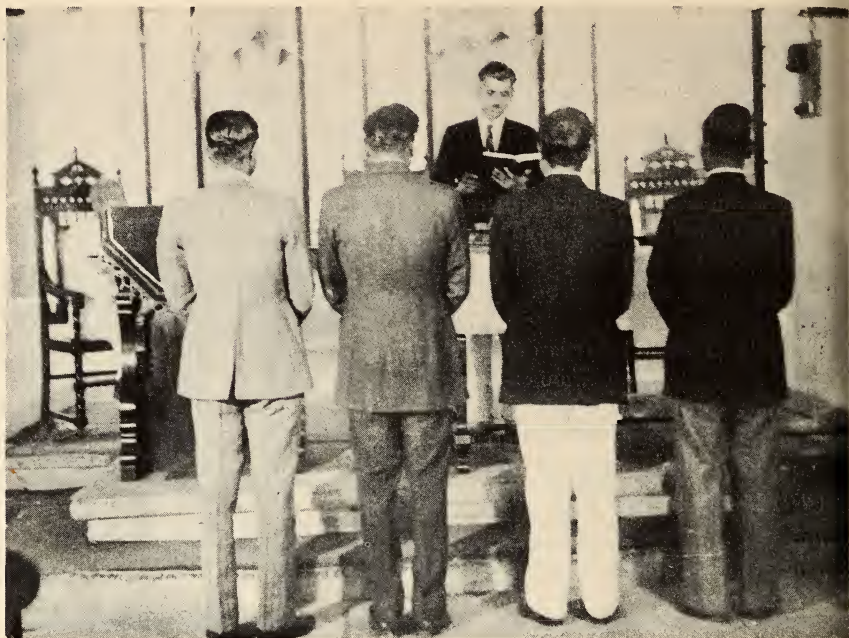
Wright Flowers, leader. There will be eats.

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World Communion Sunday Observed



CHRISTIANS around the world have observed World Communion Sunday once each year since 1939. The Disciples of Christ join with their brethren of many lands in the communion service on the first Sunday in October. For twenty-four hours on this Sunday, beginning in New Zealand and following the morning worship hour around the globe, congregations surround the Lord's Table to witness to their Christian faith, in a sense of fellowship with all other believers. A communion service in the Bilaspur church in India is pictured above.

World Order Conference Scheduled In October

A national conference on the churches and world order will be held in Cleveland, Ohio late in October. Several representatives of the Disciples of Christ will take part in the conference which will consider the Christian faith as related to American foreign policy.

In preparation for the conference, five commissions have been studying

such vital issues as the responsibility of the United States to peoples in under-developed areas, the effect of racial segregation in the United States on the nation's influence abroad, and the dangers and possibilities in collective security.

Around 1,000 delegates from cooperating churches are expected to attend the conference. The meeting is sponsored by the National Council of Churches' department of international justice and good will.

Point IV Expands Missionary Efforts

Methods first used by Christian missions for advancing human welfare throughout the world are being employed on a large scale now by workers in the United States government Point IV Program. A group of church social workers heard a representative of the U. S. Technical Cooperation Administration in a meeting last summer, describe the efforts being made by the nation to expand the medical care, agricultural and educational training which missionaries have shared with needy peoples for many decades. Point IV work, the representative declared, signifies a new recognition on the part of governments of responsibility for the welfare of the people.

Church Construction Moves Ahead In Jamaica

The building of churches in Jamaica, B. W. I., to replace those destroyed by the 1951 hurricane continues to go forward, according to reports from the Disciples of Christ Jamaica Mission.

Using funds given by churches and individuals for Jamaica relief and rehabilitation, Freeman Redding, missionary builder, has completed the new church at Bito, which was dedicated last June. With the help of work campers from the United States, volunteers from the Jamaican churches and some paid labor, Mr. Redding has the work nearly finished on two other churches at Dallas Castle and Pretoria Road. In addition, repairs have been made on several mission houses.

His report on costs of putting up the Bito church reveals that Mr. Redding managed to complete that job for less

than \$6,000. "I can hardly believe the figures are right," he declares, "but if they are, we will save enough on three churches to build a fourth."

If progress appears to be slow, it may be more understandable if it is known that every cement block used in the construction has to be made in the backyard of one of the missionary residences. The blocks are made by men who had to be taught in the first place how to do such work. Tools and many building materials are hard to obtain on the island at any price. Skilled labor is scarce so that available laborers must be trained. Other barriers to speedy work in Jamaica are the steep hills and poor roads. Hauling lumber, cement blocks and gravel from the source of supply to the building site sometimes requires half a day or more.

Freeman Redding describes how he handled one of the "problem" roads. "We spent two and a half days fixing the road past Cane River Falls," he writes. "Everyone said it couldn't be done in a month, but I put the pressure on the public works and received permission to do the work myself."

Rural Church Leaders to Meet

The city folks who are moving to the country are a concern of church leaders who will attend the annual National Convocation on the Church in Town and Country at St. Paul, Minn. late in October. Around 1,000 ministers and lay leaders, including those from town and country churches of Disciples of Christ are expected to be in the meeting.

Dale Medearis, national director of town and country church under the United Society will be secretary of one of the study commissions at the Convocation.

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DRIVE TO PARKING AREA

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GET SECRET PLACE

Secret Place for this next quarter may be found on table in Narthex.

DEDICATION — KENDALLVILLE

Dedication of the remodelled Church in Kendallville takes place Sunday. The afternoon sessions begin at 2 P.M. Our own Robert Cocherille is the soloist on this occasion. Dr. Emory Ross is the speaker.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

October 4 Owen Vaught, Gail J. Roe.

October 11 Henry M. Flowers, Robert E. Clipp.

October 18 John S. Craig, Albert Egly.

October 25 Floyd E. Morrical, Harold W. Crowder.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Captain Earl T. Fusselman, A-56922; William P. Vunora, Carter D. Palmer, Homer H. Stevenson, Mark H. Crouse, George R. Bruckman, Jack E. Weicker, William C. Robinson, Paul A. Strawser, W. Harry Imbody, David A. Griggs, Fred H. Wilson. Please call your Captain if unable to serve.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

RUMMAGE SALE October 9 - 10th. 2028 South Hana St. Please get your rummage to the church before these dates or deliver it as early as possible directly to the room.

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. Stanley Cole, 3932 Lillie St. on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 P.M.

AREA CONVENTION

Sunday, October 11 — 2:30 to 8:30 P.M.

2:30 P.M. the churches of this Area will assemble in Convention. This Church is the Host. An interesting program has been arranged. Every member is invited.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel Flowers for Sunday are the gift of Miss Donna Leversee.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Ward Bundy, 2605 So. Lafayette St., Friday, October 2, at 8 P.M. Mrs. Heller assisting hostess.

IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Dudley Planton and children in the recent loss of husband and father. Mr. Planton, a former deacon of this church, passed away suddenly at his home at 1688 Rockford Ave., Akron 19, Ohio. Mrs. Powell Ragburn passed to her reward Tuesday at 9 P.M. Our sincere sympathy goes to her husband who is a faithful deacon in the church. Memorial services Friday, 3 p.m. — McComb Funeral Home.

27 MEN WORK ON CHURCH LAWN

As of September 26, a total of 27 men worked 62 different times in grading and seeding the church lawn. Those who donated their time, with the number of times in parenthesis before the names, follow: (9) J. Hugh Tracey; (7) Henry Flowers, J. E. Tracey; (3) Homer Koomler, William Crouse, Virgil Buchanan; (2) Clair Buskirk, Hugh Rice, Earl Fusselman, Paul Strawser, Paul Whitton, Eppie Baker, Cecil Rice, Dwight Flowers, Merland Heller; (1) Clay Orchard, Eural Rose, Myron Cole, Howard Wise, John Craig, William Tracey, Jerry Brubaker, Harold Crowder, Neil Allen, Robert Clipp, Paul Yentes, and Don Eyer.

Use of major equipment was donated by Homer Koomler, Clair Buskirk, C. A. Cipe, Hugh Rice and Virgil Buchanan. Money was donated by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mrs. Olive Roy, Paul Strawser, Hugh Tracey, Wm. Tracey, Earl Fusselman, David Griggs, James Shockney, John Berlien and Progressive Class.



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OUR INFLUENCE

Consider one's influence.

There are thousands of unchurched people in Fort Wayne. Look at those you touch in your daily life. Does our influence enrich the life of Fort Wayne? Does it make friends for Jesus Christ? Does it make the spiritual values we live for attractive to others?

Of course the individual cannot witness as easy or as effectively as a group. It is important that those about us know that our allegiance belongs to that higher power which is experienced vividly in the Church.

This witnessing does take courage. You cannot explain the rise of the Christian Church if you ignore the

element of Divine courage on the part of the Early Christians.

Courage with love, devotion to Christ and Church is a tremendous power.

A young pastor suddenly lost by death his beloved wife—finally he went to a great preacher. As he left the Church he was heard to say—"What a man, O God, I went in there, all the stars had dropped out of my heavens and one by one he helped me put them back in."

Make your influence count. Extend an invitation. Many, these trying days, may say through your efforts, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the House of the Lord.'"

Make this a time of greater understanding, greater generosity, greater goodwill by generous support and by personal faith and loyalty to the things which stand.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Anthem: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," Bach

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Trio: "Lift Thine Eyes" Mendelssohn

Director of Music: Mrs. J. C. Bartholomew

Soloists, Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mrs. J. C. Bartholomew, Mrs. Wm. A. Love

Sermon: "Facing The World of Evil"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Mrs. Bader Holds International Office

One of the first ladies of American church life, Mrs. Jesse M. Bader of New York, found a letter in her mailbox one day last summer which was postmarked "London, England." The letter notified her that she had been elected the first woman vice president of the United Bible Societies—an international organization.

An ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ, Mrs. Bader will preside at meetings of the United Bible Societies in England next spring. She has several other distinctions, among them being the first woman to preach in New York's Town Hall series of Lenten sermons. She is a member of the board of managers of the American Bible Society and of the National Council of Churches' Department of United Church Women; public relations representative for the Christian Herald Association; radio and film consultant for the National Council; and national president of the Protestant Motion Picture Council.

Dr. Laubach Says India Needs Books

The renowned literary expert, Dr. Frank C. Laubach, upon returning from Asia a few months ago, said that India is rapidly becoming literate but has little reading material available. He reported that three million people in India are on their way to literacy and to supply them with an adequate amount of simple

literature would require a publishing venture twice the size of that in the United States or the Soviet Union. He called for a gigantic new publishing enterprise in India.

Communication is the "biggest job on earth," Dr. Laubach declared. He said that missionaries must learn how to "write and speak simply and plainly" before they go to other nations. Last year Dr. Laubach conducted a literacy campaign for the United States Technical Cooperation Administration in India. He reported on this effort to the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature of the National Council of Churches.

Maqbul-Masih's Return To India Mission

After completing a year as visiting lecturer on world missions at the Butler School of Religion in Indianapolis, Dr. Samuel Maqbul-Masih has returned to India with Mrs. Masih. They have started new work with the Disciples of Christ India Mission in the "Abundant Life" program at Takhatpur.

Mrs. Mary Maqbul-Masih shows Chi Rho campers in Zephyr, Washington how to wear an Indian "dhoti."





Pan American Airways

College students and camp leaders take off for the Jamaica Work Camp from Miami, Fla.

Work Camp Helps Jamaican Churches

Churches of Disciples of Christ on the island of Jamaica in the British West Indies were encouraged and given a helping hand with building repairs when a group of 19 college young people from the United States spent six weeks there in a work camp last summer. Joining in the church reconstruction program were the following young people as shown, left to right in the picture above:

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lyttleton Noel of St. Petersburg, Fla., who supervised the work camp; Estelle Miller, missionary candidate and camp nurse from Schenectady, N. Y.; Joan Schneider, Topeka, Kans.; Elva Mae Deer, Little Rock, Ark.; Mary Clay, Texarkana, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Jed White, Bloomington, Ind.; Charles Smith, Cleveland, O.; Glenn Hayes, Caney, Kans.; Rob-

ert Regenold, St. Elmo, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ruff, Murray, Ky.; Mary Lyle Childs, Norman, Okla.; Mildred Sirls and Lucy Ann Hass, Indianapolis; Winifred Perpener, Fort Worth, Tex.; Don Lanier, Champaign, Ill.; Harold Butler, Ardmore, Okla.

The Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches is conducting a program to promote the use of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. The educational program is being carried on across the nation.

Dr. Emory Ross, a member of the brotherhood of Disciples of Christ and retired secretary of the National Council of Churches Africa Committee, lectured in Lisbon, Portugal, last summer for the African International Institute.

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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Promotion Day Real Success Last Sunday Increase in Attendance and in Interest

High School Choir met 9:15 A.M. with fine attendance. Mrs. Bartholomew, Director of Music.

The LaKoda Class meet again after Summer vacation, Jack Weicker, teacher.

Mr. Horace Russell is the new teacher for the Intermediate Department.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Officers for year were elected last Sunday. President, Betty Moore, Vice-President, Dale Hiler, Secretary-Treasurer, Patty Blanton.

All High School young people are invited. Enjoy Sunday evening fellowship and program.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Meets Wednesday evenings after School.

FALL DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Area Convention will meet in this Church next Sunday, 2:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Theme: "Every Christian an Evangelist," Rev. Robert T. Beck, Host Pastor, presiding. Worship period will be led by Rev. W. A. Garrigus, Christian Church, Auburn. A Panel Discussion, "Evangelism In the Local Church," will be presented by Rev. C. N. O'Dell, Warsaw Christian Church, James R. Shockney, Albert A. Coil, Pastor Beech Grove Church, and A. M. Taylor, Pastor Stroh Christian Church.

Special music "Lift Thine Eyes," by a trio made up of Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mrs. J. C. Bartholomew and Mrs. Wm. R. Love. A Panel Discussion, "Evangelism Through World Outreach" led by Rev. Russell E. Palmer, Pastor West Creighton Ave. Christian Church. A. K. Timmons, Pastor of Christian Church at Saturn will give the benediction.

A dinner will be served by the women of the Church at a cost of 85c. At 7:15 P.M. Rev. Kenneth Brady of Kendallville will lead in worship. The First Christian Choir will bring special music, "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee," an anthem by Bach. Rev. Glenn L. Tudor, pastor of the Elkhart Central Christian Church will give the sermon of the day followed with the benediction by Rev. Harry L. Barr. Call office, H-6222, for dinner reservations.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Lee Sapp is a patient in room 212 Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Myrtle Dee Clark is a patient in room 154, Lutheran Hospital.

NEW BABY IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Bowker are proud parents of a new little son, John, born October 2, at Methodist Hospital, Room 401.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

RUMMAGE SALE this FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, October 9 and 10 at 2028 S. Hanna St. Be sure to get your rummage there at an early time.

The MONTGOMERY Circle will meet with Mrs. Stanley Cole, 3932 Lillie St., Tuesday evening, October 13 at 7:30 P.M.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. A. Howard Wise, 2030 Nelson St. on Monday evening, October 12 at 7:30 P.M. This will be a "Staley Party." Everyone is invited.

The Guild, Monday, October 12th at 8:00 P.M. at the home of Miss Pearl Heidecker, 4001 Indiana Avenue.

The Esther Circle, Monday, October 12th at 6:30 P.M. at the home of Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 South Webster Street. Subject: "Spanish Mission in U.S.A."

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14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST ATTEND CHURCH!

People are turning to the Church for help, comfort and guidance. We must not fail them. It is the bounden duty of every Church member to equip himself for this day in which we live.

Warning is coming from many of our political leaders. General Omar Bradley, an Elder in the Christian Church — and much loved by the men that served under him, discerns a lack of Christian principles in our national plans. He says it is time to be guided by the stars not by the light of each passing ship. Against complacency, Eric Johnson has declared that we face the greatest military crisis since Napoleon, the greatest economic crisis since Adam Smith, and the greatest threat to civilization since the fall of the Roman Empire.

How can lay members of our Church fail to tell others about Christ when our world can be saved only by winning people to Christ? How can members stay away from Church for trivial reasons when they know that only the Church can save the world? With gigantic forces at work to take away our right to earn money, how can Christians hold back the giving of their money? For the sake of the Christ you love, attend Church this week, every week regularly, with your family make its principles a part of your daily life, make its work your work.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M. Anthem: "Guide Us Through the Night", Williams
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist
Mrs. J. C. Bartholomew, Director of Music Solo: "When Children Pray", Fenner
Sermon: "Holding The World Together Through Home and Church"
Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Largest Attendance of Fall Last Sunday

Be Present This Sunday

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Program to be given by Dale Hiler.

Hayride, Thursday, October 22nd.

Miss Betty Moore, President

John R. Talbott, Minister of Christian Education

John R. Talbott, minister of Christian education of the Central Woodward Christian Church of Detroit, Michigan, has accepted the call to become the min-

Youth Work a Great Need in Japan

Evangelism aimed at reaching the young people of Japan looms largest in importance as an unmet need among the Christian forces in that country according to Hallam Shorrock, Disciples of Christ missionary. Although eighty per cent of the Japanese congregations are composed of young people, "the Christian churches are simply not yet reaching or winning youth in any appreciable degree," Mr. Shorrock says.

Upon talking with Japanese students and young workers, the missionary found that many who had joined the church shortly after the war are not attending now because they feel the church is not touching the present day problems of life. The students tell Mr. Shorrock that "the Gospel heard from the pulpit does not seem relevant." The church, they say, is not meeting the real emotional needs of young people or challenging them to great things religiously.

A Tokyo student teaches Bible history to a class of boys, using a set of pictures known as a "Kamishibai" or paper theater.



Three Lions Photo

Teen-agers in the cities of Japan have a deep sense of insecurity as a result of the war. They are fearful and without hope and they long for friendship. Young factory workers live under such rigid daily control that they seek an outlet in momentary pleasures such as gambling, shows and horse racing. Rural youth still live under a conservative, feudal family system with little hope for change, and their main concern over making a living. Students in Japan are in revolt against the old feudal system which caused the war. Many are unable to find employment when they graduate from college. They are critical and uncertain and do not seem to understand that Christianity is related to daily life.

Mr. Shorrock and some of his fellow-Christian workers are now making an effort to meet these critical needs of Japanese youth. Knowing that rural young people are quick to respond to a request for sacrificial service, the churches are conducting work camps and evangelistic caravans led by the youth themselves. For students, the Christian Gospel must be presented in its true revolutionary aspects, thus plans are being considered for evangelizing whole campuses. Street preaching can take the church to the industrial youth in factory districts where Christian action programs such as labor-management cooperatives will show that the church is really interested in the laborer's life and work. The church must help youth with marriage problems, homemaking and farming. It must offer pleasure-hungry young people a healthy recreational program. These and many other practical aspects of Christian work are being undertaken by missionaries and young churchmen in Japan.



International CYF Commission officers for 1954-1955

CYF Officers to Hold Annual Meeting

Late in December, the executive committee of the International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission will meet in Indianapolis to lay plans for the youth program of the brotherhood in the coming year. Presiding over the annual planning session will be Howard C. Smith of Blue Island, Ill., who was elected Commission president at the general Commission meeting at Camp Menucha in Oregon last July.

In the December executive session, the young people and several national youth leaders of the brotherhood will consider the Commission's suggestions for local projects in service, worship, enlistment, recreation and study. Details will also be outlined for the 1954 Commission meeting.

Present officers of the CYF Commission are shown in the picture above, left to right: Russell Harrison, Indian-

apolis, national director of youth work; Shirley Parker, Raleigh, N. C., Service Committee chairman; Gene Moseley, Jackson, Miss., National Christian Missionary Convention representative; Norman Crews, Oklahoma City, Okla., Study chairman; Marty Bange, Toronto, Ont., Canada, secretary; Dick Immel, Lakeport, Calif., Recreation chairman; Howard Smith, Blue Island, Ill., president; Paul Crow, Lanett, Ala., associate president; Joyce Olson, Memphis, Tenn., Enlistment chairman; Sylvia Parker, St. Petersburg, Fla., Worship chairman; and James McLarty, Ridgetown, Ont., Canada, All-Canada representative.

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ister of Education at this Church on December 1st. Mr. Talbott has an unusual record of success in some of the finest churches in our Brotherhood, with a rich background of academic study and experience in service. Mr. Talbott's work here is an assured success. He is held in highest esteem in the Church he serves, both for his outstanding program and for his exemplary Christian character. He holds his A.B. degree from DePauw University and his Master's degree from The College of The Bible, Lexington, Ky.

We have received congratulations from leaders in the field of Christian Education for being able to secure so capable a leader.

PARKING LOT DRIVE

30 cu. yards of concrete will build our drive. Donations are generous. John Berlien \$100; D. E. Munro, \$23.20; Come Double Class \$23.20; Edward Ashton, \$11.60; C. E. Fuchshuber, \$11.60; Wm. Tracey, \$23.20; J. E. Tracey, \$11.60; Men's Class \$11.60. To donate a cubic yard (\$11.60) see Hugh Tracey who heads this project or call the Church office.

THE CHURCH OFFERS COMFORT IN SORROW

Our pastor officiated at the funeral of Jacqueline Bishop (16 months old) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bishop. Our pastor also officiated at the funeral of Mrs. G. N. Hook. Also, our pastor officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Martha Dee Clark who became a member of this church over 40 years ago.

Chancel Flowers for next Sunday are the gift of Mr. Albert Egly.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Executive meeting will be held at 1:15 P.M. on Tuesday, October 20, in the Church Parlor following a **CARRY-IN DINNER at 1:00 o'clock**. The General meeting will be at 2:00 P.M. with Mrs. B. H. Bruner, Secretary Indian C.W.F. as guest speaker. The McGavran Circle is in charge of the worship period. Dr. Dye Circle, hospitality; and the Montgomery Circle in charge of refreshments.

Annual Harvest Ingathering will be at the Emily E. Flinn Home for the Aged at Marion, Indiana, October 29th. Gifts of money or food are solicited. Keep this date in mind and plan to attend this meeting at Marion. It is a worthy experience.

A NEW BABY IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A little son, Ralph James, born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Taylor, 2909 John Street, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Sunday, October 11th.

AMONG THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mrs. Edith Darby is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Amy Shawhan is in Methodist Hospital, she is quite ill.

Mrs. Myrtle Strout is a patient in Methodist Hospital.

OUR SYMPATHY

To Mr. J. Fred Rethmiller in the death of his wife who had been confined to her bed for many months.

CHOIRS

To Robert and Beatrice Rinehart in the tragic death of their father.

The Junior Choir will meet Wednesday at 4:15 P.M. for an hour rehearsal. This will be their regular meeting date. All children in grades 4 through 8-B are welcome in the choir. A Choir Mothers' Organization has been formed and at the first meeting last Wednesday, Mrs. Myron Cole was selected as chairman. They will support and aid the choir in every possible way. The choir will begin its regular rehearsals this Wednesday afternoon.

The High School Choir is meeting in the High School Sunday School Room at 9:15 A.M. Sundays. They have already begun work on several musical numbers.

The Sanctuary Choir meets Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. New members are welcome. At the Coffee Hour September 24, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Bartholomew, Mrs. J. E. Weicker was elected President, Mrs. James Shockney, Secretary-Treasurer, and Miss Anita Fitch, Librarian. Committees have been appointed: Robes—Mrs. William Tracey, Mrs. Dale Hiler; Selection of new folders and collars—Miss Anita Fitch, Mrs. Fred H. Wilson, Mrs. James Foster, Mrs. J. E. Weicker; Nursery Service—Mrs. Wm. Love. Next Coffee Hour will be October 22 after rehearsal, at the home of Mrs. Robert Scott.

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APPLY YOUR CHRISTIANITY

Applied Christianity makes strong men and women, happy homes, gives children a right attitude toward life and its problems. The best place to bring your plans, your problems is to Church and there present them before God. The spirit of Christ in the hearts of men brings peace of mind, purifies your purpose—widens your horizons and gives a sane perspective toward life.

Loving Christ in Church makes it possible to love him in the marketplace, the athletic contest, in the midst of temptation and brings a victory in the midst of the pressures of life.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Anthem: "Glorious Is Thy Name" Mozart

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Soloist: Harold J. Bowker

Mrs. J. C. Bartholomew, Director of Music

Sermon: "Every Man"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The Men's Class had a fine attendance last Sunday. Robert E. Cockerille will teach the Class. James Shockney will speak for his father at Milford.

The High School Class has been growing the last Sundays. David Griggs is the teacher. Mrs. James Bartholomew is the director of the High School Choir.

Steve Tracey, president; Steve Coleman, vice-president; Arlene Smell, sec.-treas.; **Chi Rho Class:** John Young, Caroline Cline, Game Wardens. Lorilee Herr and Pat Mossbarger, Edit Class paper. H. E. Russell, teacher.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

James Evans is the leader this Sunday evening.

NOVEMBER 6th VISITATION

Brotherhood Representatives will visit our Church on behalf of the Long Range Program our Churches adopted at the International Convention:

It will begin with an All-Church Dinner at 6:30 P.M. Next day there will follow conferences. The Christian Women's Fellowship will meet from 10 to 12 A.M. under leadership of Woman member.

Various departments and functional Committees will meet with other leaders of the team from 10 to 12 A.M.

William Hall Joins United Society Staff

William D. Hall, former missionary to, India, recently joined the national staff of the United Christian Missionary Society as director of general church program in missionary education. He assumed his new duties in the department of missionary education on September 1.

A graduate of the University of Illinois and the Yale University Divinity School, Mr. Hall served the church at Livingston, Tenn., and taught Bible at Livingston Academy from 1941 to 1945. With Mrs. Hall he went to India in 1945. He engaged in evangelistic work at Mungeli and Bilaspur in the middle provinces and played a major part in explorations which led to the entrance of Disciples of Christ into new work in Orissa.

Carrying responsibility for the youth summer conference program in India, Mr. Hall also served as youth chairman of the Mid-India Representative Christian Council. In his new work with the department of missionary education he will conduct institutes on missionary education and speak in seminaries and colleges. He also expects to meet with ministers and world outreach committees in an effort to strengthen local church programs of missionary education.

Argentine Church Leader Studies In the U.S.A.

A young woman who is one of the most active leaders in the Christian churches (Disciples of Christ) in Argentina, is doing graduate study in the United States this year. She is Miss



Miss Magdalena Gimena finds a picture of friends in Argentina on an office wall in the Missions Building in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Magdalena Gimena, religious education director for the Colegiales church in Buenos Aires and a graduate of the Union Theological Seminary in that city. She is taking advanced courses in religious education at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., and plans to return to Argentina next year to continue giving leadership to the church there.

Baptized by J. D. Montgomery when he was serving as a Disciples of Christ missionary to Argentina, Miss Gimena has worked with several of the churches as a leader of children and youth. She was one of those who helped to start the mission in Tablada, a poverty stricken section of Buenos Aires. When visiting in the Missions Building in Indianapolis early this fall, she was pleased to see on an office wall a picture of several children with whom she had worked at Tablada.

At the Colegiales church she has worked with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Andres, missionaries serving under the United Christian Missionary Society. In this church during the past two years Miss Gimena has conducted a daily kindergarten for children of the community, and has been in charge of bi-monthly meetings of parents and church school teachers.

Home Missions Center Sponsors Boys Summer Camp

A week of camping was made possible last summer for forty boys in the Mexican community of San Antonio by Mexican Christian Institute. This was the third year for camping as a part of the M.C.I. program. The boys were given health examinations before their enrollment in the camp was completed. They were taken by chartered bus to Camp Christian, Center Point, Tex., grounds owned by the Disciples of Christ churches in that district. For several of the boys it was their first experience being away from home over-night, and their first experience in group living.

The usual camping program was carried on, including crafts, hikes, swimming in the river, nature study and educational films. According to E. G. Luna, M.C.I. director, the boys were shown both religious and secular films, but seemed to prefer the filmed Bible stories. Mr. Luna introduced each movie with a story of the Bible background and following each showing he gave a talk which applied the story to daily life. The boys liked these movie-story periods and "they asked for movies about God," Mr. Luna reports.

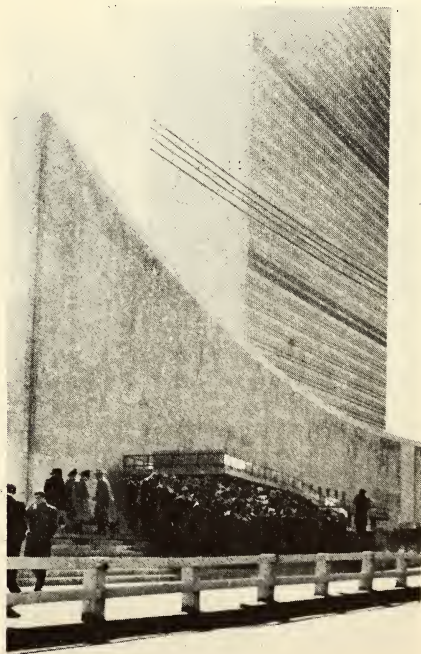
The object of missionary giving for children in churches of the brotherhood from July through December this year is Mexican Christian Institute. In connection with this definite object of giving project, many children's classes in church schools and junior groups are making a special study of the services of this home missions institution.

Rural Churches Show New Strength

Don F. Pielstick, director of the department of town and country church of the National Council of Churches,

recently observed that rural churches in the United States are showing new strength. These churches are reversing their downward trends of the past twenty to thirty years, he stated. Intensive new programs and broader approaches to ways in which churches can serve the rural and small town communities are being recommended by National Council leadership as a means of helping these churches to make a comeback. Another encouraging factor, he pointed out, is a new kind of rural pastor, a vigorous young man who is fully aware of today's farm life problems and who is dedicated to easing and solving these problems on an individual and community-wide basis.

A visit to headquarters of the United Nations in New York City is scheduled for those who enroll in the Disciples of Christ U.N. Seminar, November 30 to December 3, 1953. Sponsored each year by the department of social welfare of the United Christian Missionary Society, the seminar is open to ministers, college students, laymen and women.



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At twelve o'clock a luncheon will be served for Church Board members, Church School officers, teachers, leaders of Christian Women's Fellowship, Youth leaders and Men's Forum.

OUR 14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION

Undergirded by a group of very loyal members and workers. The program of increased devotion in prayer, service, worship, stewardship and attendance is finding a good response. These leaders are: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Staley, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Eddleman, Mrs. Paul A. Strawser, Mr. David Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Shockney, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Howell, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vunora, Mrs. Mack Gaunt, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cook, Mr. Marvin Crouse, Mr. Leonard Goode, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Morkoetter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Richard, Mr. and Mrs. George Bruckman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lovell, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. William Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brubaker, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lytle, Mrs. Everett Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Klotz, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bundy, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wise, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Kreps, Mr. and Mrs. Aden Current, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kattas, Mr. and Mrs. Bret Young, Mr. and Mrs. Grayston Cripe, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Orchard, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Clevenger, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lear, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kern, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Roe, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boner, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Ripple, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuchshuber, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Solon Merriman, Mrs. Glenn Butler and Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Coffman.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers this week are the gift of Mr. Paul Strawser in memory of his father, Mr. Paul Strawser.

A SALUTE TO THE CHOIR MEMBERS

Present members of the choir are: Sopranos—Mrs. Ann Foster, Miss Janice Fuchshuber, Mrs. Doris Hiler, Mrs. Dorothy Lytle, Miss Donna Leversee, Mrs. Eva Mosier, Mrs. Helen Shockney, Mrs. Mildred Tracey, Mrs. Janet Weicker. Altos—Mrs. Hilda Geyer Brown, Mrs. Lois Brubaker, Mrs. Phyllis Cocherille, Mrs. Harriett Cole, Miss Anita Fitch, Mrs. Margaret Love, Mrs. Lois Lovell, Mrs. Muriel Wilson. Tenors—Mr. Harold Crowder, Mr. David Griggs, Mr. Robert E. Cocherille. Basses—Mr. James Bartholomew, Mr. Jerry Brubaker, Mr. Donald L. Miller. A nursery is maintained each Thursday evening at church. Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber is volunteering her time for this needed service. If you can help this way, in the homes with younger children, contact Mrs. Bartholomew, or Mrs. Love. Transportation furnished.

FIRST CHRISTIAN BASKETBALL TEAM

Don L. Miller, acting manager, of First Christian basketball team wishes to announce Tuesday evening at 7 P.M. as the time set for practice at the Church. All young men of the Church are invited to play. Anyone knowing anything or whereabouts of team uniforms see Don Miller or bring the uniforms to the Church.

PARKING LOT DRIVE AND LANDSCAPING

Additional donations for driveway keep coming in: LeRoy Timbrook, \$11.60; A. Howard Wise, \$12.00; H. W. Sigrist, \$50; Paul A. Strawser, \$11.60. To complete the project Cecil Kinzie, \$75. Shrubby from Young's Nursery was transplanted by Hugh Tracey, J. E. Tracey and Wm. E. Tracey who laid the stone curbing at front entrance. Mr. Young is the brother of Delmas Young. Also shrubby has been secured from Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Dare and others.

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WHEN YOU ATTEND CHURCH

When you attend church, it's not an ordinary act. It is something tremendous. You take a stand for faith and for spiritual interpretation of life. You testify and witness to the faith that is in you.

When you attend church you take the side of the angels, you count on the side of the spiritual, you tell the world you believe in God and eternity and immortality, and that's tremendous!

When you attend church you challenge all that is evil, all that which is contrary to the will of God. When you attend church you say to the whole world that you are against lying, cheating, immorality, drunkenness, war and everything that hurts human beings.

When you attend church you tell your neighbors who see you go that you are not simply an earth creature, that you are not giving up all your time to creaturely pleasures, that you are seeking something higher.

When you attend church you salute Christ and His Church. You appreciate what the Church has done for humanity.

14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION TO DECEMBER 31st

What do you more than others? is a searching question each should ask his soul — You have power to bless or to blight, to draw or detract from Christ. Make this 14 weeks a time for soul enrichment. Come to Church, consecrate your stewardship, do not condone any indifference—but find the joy of loving and serving God with all your heart. The question is, "not will I go to Church" but "how will I worship God in Church?"

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist
Mrs. J. C. Bartholomew, Director of Music
Sermon: "The Past and the Future"

Anthem: "Holy Art Thou" Handel
Duet: Mrs. J. E. Weicker and Mrs. Cocherille, Soloists
Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Preparations for Thanksgiving are underway. The High School Choir is expected to make its first appearance this month.

MEN'S FORUM — SUNDAY, NOV. 8th, 5-7 P.M.

Max P. Smith, Director of State Christian Men's Fellowship, Speaker.

Missionary Wins a Friend in Paraguay

R. Q. Adams Talks with Traveler on the Road

One Sunday, the Disciples of Christ missionary, R. Q. Adams, set out from his station at Coronel Oviedo for the village of Tacuacora, twelve miles away. With two young men from the church at Coronel Oviedo he planned to preach to a small mission group in the rural community. As they rode along the dusty road on horseback, they overtook an elderly man who was also riding toward Tacuacora and began talking with him about religion as they journeyed.

The subject of faith was mentioned and Mr. Adams declared that "Faith should change a man's life. If it does not change his life, he should begin trying to learn more about Jesus." He went on to say that "prayer, reading the scriptures and every other act of devotion should help a man to become better."

Then the travelers talked about repentance. The elderly gentleman seemed greatly interested when Mr. Adams explained his own understanding of the word as meaning "to turn around." He pointed out that too frequently we confuse repentance with penitence, but that repentance means taking another road or doing something differently, not merely feeling sorry for what we have done in the past.

After this explanation the elderly man was silent for a time, then he said, "Turn around, that is repentance! All of my life I have attended services of the church, but this is the first time that I have understood the meaning of repentance." He looked keenly at Mr. Adams and asked, "Friend, you have given my soul something to feed upon. Where did you get these ideas?"

R. Q. Adams handed over his New Testament and the man glanced at it with an apprehensive look then gave the book back quickly. When he was told that Mr. Adams was a Protestant preacher the elderly traveler looked uneasy. Finally, as the riders came to the village of Tacuacora, he said to the mission worker, "You are not a bad man as we have been told. You are not a Catholic, but I am sure that we shall meet after this life in the presence of our God."

"The day was changed." R. Q. Adams reported after this occasion. "The Lord had led me into a conversation with a man who belonged to a fanatical Catholic lay order. Though not converted, his friendship was won because through our conversation his soul was fed."

Laymen Undertake Service Projects

The Christian Men's Fellowship of First church, Rialto, Calif., not only gave time to improving their church building a few months ago, but joined other laymen in painting dormitory rooms at Chapman College in Los Angeles.

Laymen of the Columbia Avenue church in College Park, Ga., gave both money and labor toward construction of a Sunday school room and choir room for their church.

Every Monday, teams of men meet at the Belmont church at Roanoke, Va., to get assignments for evangelistic calling. They visit newcomers to the city and persons who visited worship services the previous day.

Washington Woman Collects Glasses For India Hospital

A helpful contribution to the work of medical missions in India is being made by Mrs. Maude Potter of Cashmere, Wash. For several years she has been the main force behind a drive in her part of the country for collecting used spectacles. Hundreds of lenses and pairs of spectacles have been carefully packed by Mrs. Potter and shipped to the Vellore Hospital in India, where Dr. Victor Rambo, Disciples of Christ missionary, is serving temporarily. Shipments have gone also to the Mungeli Hospital where Dr. Rambo has performed thousands of eye operations during his many years as a medical missionary.

Due to high shipping costs and the problems of packing breakable articles for shipment overseas, Mrs. Potter

sends her collections of eyeglasses to the Missions Building in Indianapolis. From there they are taken abroad by missionaries returning to the field or shipped with other articles to India.

Missionary Builder To Remain in Jamaica

Nearly one year ago in December, 1952, Freeman Redding, a layman from the Christian church at Delphi, Ind., was sent to Jamaica to rebuild churches lost in the hurricane of 1951. Mr. Redding has been so successful in his program of building, as well as other phases of mission work, that he has been asked by the United Christian Missionary Society to remain on the island for the coming year to complete the construction. Miss Lyrel Teagarden, one of the Disciples of Christ missionaries in Jamaica, has commented that "the Redding family is a great blessing to our mission."

The church at Bito, Jamaica, B. W. I., which was the first building to be completed by Freeman Redding in the spring of 1953. At right is the temporary shelter in which the congregation had been meeting for worship since the hurricane of 1951 destroyed the former church.



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C.Y.F. YOUTH CONFERENCE — WARSAW, IND.

Cars will meet at the Church at 1:30 P.M.

ALL-CHURCH DINNER, FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 6th

Dr. Walter W. Sikes and Miss Katherine Schutze will be leaders visiting our Church. They will present to us the long range planning of the churches of our Brotherhood. Make this "carry-in" a must on your program.

ORGAN TO BE DEDICATED NOVEMBER 15th

The enlarged and modernized organ, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Sigrist, will be dedicated November 15th. Dr. Van Denman Thompson, composer of organ music, nationally known artist on this instrument, will preside at the organ. The dedication will be followed by a reception.

THE SPIRIT OF FIRST CHRISTIAN

Work is underway to finish and make available for parking a large area to the rear of the Church. Mr. Homer Koomler, his nephew, Norman Koomler and Lawrence Malott have been putting the bulldozer to good use.

Miss Lucille McCarty has supervised and donated the scrubbing and polishing of the tile floors in the Nave and Narthex of our Church.

OUR SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller and his family in their recent loss of Mr. Miller's mother, Mrs. Celestia Miller. May God comfort these dear people during the dark days ahead.

MORE CUBIC FEET FOR DRIVEWAY

Among those buying concrete for the Church driveway are: Manson L. Herr, \$11.60; Paul Truby, \$11.60; Cecil A. Kinzie, \$75.00; Hugh Rice \$10.00.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. C. W. Winfield, 1001 E. Columbia, on Friday evening, November 6, at 8 P.M. Mrs. Thurman is assistant hostess.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

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| November | 1 | Eural G. Rose — Hugh D. Rice |
| | 8 | James R. Shockney — Wm. H. Crouse |
| | 15 | Dale Parkerson — Dr. A. C. Worley |
| | 22 | Preston H. Somers — John Z. Berlien |
| | 29 | Harold W. Crowder — Floyd Morrical |

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Allen Garee, Captain, J. E. Tracey, Romane H. Cole, Eppie R. Baker, Merland G. Heller, Clayton Yoquelet, Jerry L. Brubaker, Marvin L. Crouse, Powell A. Rayburn, Bret R. Young, Delmas Young. If unable to serve please call your Captain.

Official Board Tuesday evening, November 3, 8 P.M.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Robert Donohue, 2724 Hoagland, Monday evening, November 2, at 6:30 P.M.

Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, 926 Lake Ave., Wednesday afternoon at 1:30, November 4th. Mrs. Elmer Braun will assist the hostess. Mrs. Winfield will give devotions and Mrs. A. C. Worley will present the program.

The Edna Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 So. Webster St. on Tuesday afternoon, November 3.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, 221 W. Maple Grove on Wednesday afternoon, November 4 at 1:30 P.M.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK November 1-7

The Christian Board of Publication has sent samples of religious books for exhibit. These are for sale and will make fine Christmas gifts. Please tarry awhile after Church and look at these books. They will be on exhibit in the Church Narthex. There will also be samples of free literature. The Church School and Christian Women's Fellowship have a library of books which are for loan.

WELCOME

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Banet and the boys—on the birth of a daughter and sister. Both mother and daughter are doing nicely.

burn, Bret R. Young, Delmas Young. If unable to serve please call your Captain.

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*You are cordially invited
to be present at
The Dedication Of
The Three Manual Pipe Organ
given by Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Sigrist
at the*

*First Christian Church
4800 South Calhoun Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana*

*Sunday, the Fifteenth of November, Nineteen hundred fifty three
at Seven-thirty O'clock*

Guest Organist

Doctor Van Denman Thompson

Director of The School of Music, DePaul University

Disciples in Study Conference

Late in October a national study conference on the churches and world order was conducted in Cleveland, Ohio, by the National Council of Churches. The meeting was attended by a number of writers, religious educators, ministers and lay people who have a special interest in the problem of how the churches can do their best work to bring about a more Christian world order.

Among the study conference participants were some twenty-five men and women from the Disciples of Christ (Christian churches). Those appointed to attend the conference were:

Mrs. Alice Langford, Indianapolis
Miss Genevieve Brown, Indianapolis
Geo. Oliver Taylor, Indianapolis
Glenn McRae, St. Louis, Mo.
E. Lee Neal, St. Louis, Mo.
Harlie L. Smith, Indianapolis
Lin D. Cartwright, St. Louis, Mo.
George W. Buckner, Indianapolis
James A. Crain, Indianapolis
Mark Rutherford, Indianapolis
Al Whitehouse, Cincinnati, Ohio
Cleo W. Blackburn, Indianapolis
Meril A. May, Cleveland, Ohio
Mrs. John B. Boyd, Greencastle, Ind.
Mrs. Floyd Faust, Columbus, Ohio
Mrs. Russell Putnam, Cleveland, Ohio
Parker Rossman, Indianapolis
Charles Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
Gaines M. Cook, Indianapolis
Emory Ross, New York City
Robert Tobias, Indianapolis
Barton Hunter, Indianapolis
Don West, Indianapolis
Mrs. James D. Wyker, Columbia, Mo.

A growing interest in social education and action on the part of churches

of the brotherhood is shown in the establishment of a Social Action Commission by the National Christian Missionary Convention of the Negro churches. The convention authorized the new commission in its annual business session at Roanoke, Va., last August.

A conference of state chairmen of social education and action was held at Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, Ind., October 19-21, under auspices of the department of social welfare of the United Christian Missionary Society.

Akita, Japan, Marks 70th Anniversary Of Christian Work

The annual meeting of pastors, laymen and missionaries working with the mission of the United Christian Missionary Society in Akita, Japan, last May was a special occasion. This was because the year 1953 was the seventieth anniversary of the beginning of Christian evangelism in the Akita area of Japan. The observance was held in the Ichibancho church at Akita City.

Speaking to the annual meeting assembly, Kenneth C. Hendricks, Disciples of Christ missionary, said, "Protestant Christianity is yet very young in Japan, but it would take thousands of books to record the story of the acts of faith and deeds of loving service that have characterized the movement in these past seventy years." He pointed out that though not even one per cent of the Japanese people have been won by Christianity, it is recognized as one of the three dominant religions of that country.

Religious Education Programs Increase

In the year 1953, more intermediate camps and family camps were sponsored by the United Christian Missionary Society than ever before in the history of these religious education programs. Altogether, some 26,000 young people and adults attended the various programs which were given national direction by the Society's department of religious education last summer.

The 1953 Yearbook of the Disciples of Christ, which will be published early in 1954, will show full reports on camps, conferences and laboratory schools. In 1953 there were 35 children's camps, 149 intermediate or Chi Rho camps, 129 young peoples conferences, 25 adult conferences, five family camps and 54 laboratory schools in the United States.

Children Enact Biblical Thanksgiving

A class of junior boys and girls in the Sunday morning church school of First Christian church of Rochester, Ind., observed Thanksgiving Sunday last year by dramatizing the Bible story of the way in which early Hebrews annually gave thanks for deliverance from trouble and for the blessings of the past year. Under the guidance of their teacher, Mrs. Sue Lindeman, the class made a succoth booth of

branches and twigs. Dressed in the style of ancient Hebrews, the children enacted the Feast of the Ingathering or Feast of the Booths, which was held in Jerusalem when crops had been gathered and produce or stock was brought as a sacrifice of thanks and praise. Four of the participating children are shown below.

Help Comes From God

- through the Bible
- through prayer
- through church services
- through Christian people
- through Christian homes
- through Christian work
- through nature
- through practising God's presence

Chauncey R. Piety

Dramatizing a Thanksgiving service in a succoth booth are, left to right, Judy Showley, Betty Eisenman, Artie Huffman and John Packard, Richmond Christian Church.



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Tower Bells and Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.

Organist: Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott

Sermon: "Personal Encounter"

Solo: "Arise, O Lord" Hoffmeister

Robert E. Cocherille, Soloist

Preacher, Our Pastor

Mrs. J. C. Bartholomew, Dir. of Music

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

High School Choir 9:15 A.M.

Complete Plans for Thanksgiving

Rev. John R. Talbott will be in City to meet various officers and teachers
November 9 and 10.

NOTES

Mr. Clinton Keith is quite ill in Lutheran Hospital.

Miss Martha J. Beck, our pastor's daughter, was elected with a youth from Auburn, to serve on the District Council for the Youth of the Christian Churches in Northeastern Indiana, at the Area meeting of Christian Youth at Warsaw last Sunday.

OUR DRIVEWAY

Work is proceeding on our driveway and parking lot. A cubic yard of cement (\$11.60) was given by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jordan.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

THE ESTHER CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 So. Webster St., Monday evening, November 9th at 6:30 P.M.

THE MONTGOMERY CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. F. E. Morical, R.R. 7, Wayne Trace, on Tuesday evening, November 10, at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Robert Clipp is assist the hostess.

THE DR. HIGDON CIRCLE will meet with Mrs. Alma Beck, 533 E. Wayne St. on Monday evening, November 9, at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Vernon Helton will present the program.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers for next Sunday are the gift of Miss Pearl Heidecker given in memory of her father.

MEN'S FORUM — SUNDAY 5 - 7 P.M.

Maxwell Smith, State Director for the Men's Organizations of the Christian Churches of Indiana will be the guest speaker. While residing in Kansas City, Mr. Smith was responsible for organizing small churches and worked untiringly to build them up. In evangelism, he has been close to the National scene, but has spent much of his time in Indiana, working for the Christian Men's Movement. He gave up a fine business and large salary to accept a position with our Brotherhood.

DEDICATION OF NEW ORGAN

November 15, 1953 — 7:30 P.M.

The three manual organ, comprising a great organ, swell organ and Church organ with shutters for each organ and over one thousand pipes, will be dedicated Sunday, November 15th. The great and swell organs were the work of the Tellers-Kent Organ Company, and were of fine tone and quality and composed the original organ, and had 325 pipes. The Church organ is the work of the Moeller Organ Company and the beautiful three manual console was built by the Tellers Organ Company. The fine toning and voicing as well as the assembling into one magnificent unit was done by J. F. Roush of Defiance, Ohio. The Church has a beautiful and an adaptable instrument that produces in beautiful tones, in a range and variety of expression rarely found in a pipe organ. This organ is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Sigrist.

Dr. Van Denman Thompson, Guest Organist for the dedication services is director of the School of Music of DePauw University, has given many organ recitals in the United States, having played at University of Chicago, University of Iowa, St. John's Cathedral, Denver, Colorado; Wabash College, Indiana University, Earlham College, New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Massachusetts.

He has published over 150 compositions, mostly organ and choral music, two of his anthems are listed among the ten "best-sellers" of the current year.



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14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION UPON WHAT DO YOU FEED

Upon every side we hear of immoral, irresponsible conduct, sex crimes, kidnapping, hold-ups, betrayal of trusts. **Well what can you expect.** One teacher reports that half of her pupils never go to Sunday School or Church. Although many parents nominally belong to Catholic, Jewish or Protestant Churches, half never go. But every child goes to movies, at least once a week, watches television. They read comic books and colored supplements of Sunday papers and listen to gangster stories over radio and TV. **Well what can you expect. Upon what kind of food does your child feed—what kind do you eat?**

SPIRITUAL RESURGENCE

There is a spiritual awakening. How sick the people of the world are: sick of war, bloodshed, hate, greed.

It always has happened—a positive return to Religion, to the things of the Spirit. Are you in the return or in the **Evil week end** where amusement takes precedence over adoration to God.

WHAT KIND OF A CHURCH WOULD MY CHURCH BE—
IF EVERY MEMBER WERE JUST LIKE ME.

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Organist: Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott

Director of Music: Mrs. J. C. Bartholomew

Anthem: Praise, arr. by Shaw

Junior Choir

Anthem: "Morning Hymn" Henschel

Sanctuary Choir

Sermon: "Our Attempts for Security"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Four From Abroad Study in U. S.

Nationals Under United Society Sponsorship

Scholarships for graduate study in the United States are being used this year by four Christian workers from mission fields abroad. The workers, all of whom hold positions of leadership in Disciples of Christ missions, are in this country under the sponsorship of the United Christian Missionary Society.

The graduate students are Dr. Dayal Sukhnandan, Mr. and Mrs. Juan F. Santos and Miss Magdalena Gimena. Dr. Sukhnandan, who heads the mission hospital at Mungeli, M. P., India, is studying surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Santos, president of Northern Christian College, Laoag, the Philippines, is attending George Peabody College for Teachers at Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Santos is enrolled at Peabody College, also. Miss Gimena, religious education director and assistant pastor of the Colegiales church in Buenos Aires, Argentina, is enrolled at Scarritt College in Nashville.

Several other Christian nationals from mission fields are in the United States this year as graduate students, though not on United Society scholarships. Among them is Mrs. Dayal Sukhnandan, who is working toward the Master's degree in education of the blind.

Religious Services In Mission School

Weekly evening religious services are conducted for boarding school pupils at Colegio Ward, the mission school in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The

school is jointly directed by Methodists and Disciples of Christ, with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. McWilliams representing the United Christian Missionary Society on the teaching staff. Mrs. McWilliams reports that each Friday night three separate religious services are conducted for different age groups at the school. Participating students give to various service enterprises such as a local orphanage.

Defense Communities Served by Workers

During the past three months Mrs. O. B. Morris, field worker under the Committee on Military and Veterans Services, has been serving at Jackson, Ohio. Carrying on activities through the First Christian Church of Jackson, Mrs. Morris has worked with the pastor, Allen Huber, helping the church in a program of service to new persons who have entered the community since construction started on the nearby atomic energy plant. Mrs. Morris expects to render similar service to churches in other defense communities such as Aiken, S. C., which is in the heart of the Savannah River Atomic Energy Project area. Her special work through the Committee on Military and Veterans Services is supported by churches of Disciples of Christ (Christian churches) through the Week of Compassion. Heading the brotherhood work with defense communities through the committee is W. S. Van Arsdale. Special work with chaplains in the Navy, Army, Air Force and Veterans Administration is headed by Carl M. Boyd.

German Students Spend Year in American Homes

In an effort to show German youth how average Americans live, the U. S. Department of State has been bringing groups of German high school students to this country each year for the past several years. Church families sponsor the young people in various localities while they attend high school for one year. The Disciples of Christ take part in this effort through the department of social welfare of the United Christian Missionary Society. This year, nine of the German youth will live with Christian church families, in various parts of the country. At the end of the school year, they will return to their homes in Germany.

College Reaches Out To Rural Community

A small farm community near the campus of Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Tex., is welcoming the cur-

rent neighborly efforts of the school. Known as the Fouke community, it lies in an area where there is a great need for rebuilding the soil and planning of farm operations. The people have had few cultural advantages but they are progressive enough to want to improve themselves and their community.

When William W. Bennett, librarian at Jarvis College, offered to conduct weekly discussion meetings and provide library service for the people of Fouke, a number of them readily accepted his proposal. During the past year and one-half, Mr. Bennett and other faculty members and students have gone to Fouke regularly.

Mr. Bennett made an effort to encourage adults in the community to stand before a group and speak. He took a recorder to the group meetings and played back the discussions so the people could hear their own voices. Through this simple device, the participants developed a new sense of self-respect and dignity, plus a determination to develop themselves further. This feature of the fundamental education program of Jarvis Christian College is pictured below.

William W. Bennett, Jarvis College librarian, records a discussion in the Fouke community.



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Classes complete plans for Thanksgiving.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

For all Youth and friends of the Church. An hour of Worship and Recreation.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW ORGAN

Sunday evening, November 15, 7:30 P.M.

Dr. VanDenman Thompson, Director of School of Music, DePauw University guest organist and speaker of the evening. Reception will follow dedication service honoring Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Sigrist, donors of organ.

ANNUAL BAZAAR AND TURKEY DINNER

Sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship will be held on Thursday, November 19. Supper from 5 to 7 P.M. Bazaar from 4 to 8 P.M. Adult tickets \$1.50, children 75c. Any one who is not in a Circle and would like to contribute pies for the supper please report to Mrs. Fusselman or Mrs. Clendenen. Contributions of home-made candy and baked goods would be appreciated. Reservations for the supper should be in by November 17. Make your reservations now with Circle leaders, Mrs. H. M. Flowers or the Church Office. The whole family is invited.

WOMAN'S DAY

Sunday, December 6

Miss Helen Sapulding, of Chicago, Illinois, Guest Speaker.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Women's Fellowship General meeting will be at the Church Tuesday afternoon, 2 P.M., November 17. Mrs. Leland Higgins and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist from Gish Circle have charge of program. Mrs. Maude Thurman from Dye Circle will bring the devotions. There will be special music and a film.

FELLOWSHIP GUILD

The Guild will meet with Mrs. T. R. Eiler, 936 Lake Avenue next Monday, November 16, at 8 P.M. This is a change in date.

REGISTERED NURSE

Our Nurse, Mrs. Rodda will be on duty at the Church next Sunday evening to care for the children of those who desire to attend the Dedication of the Organ Services. Mrs. Rodda reports that in the past year she has cared for 602 children. Good record.

ANTHEMS

Choir members please check your music and if you have copies of **anthems** or of **Duet books** at home, please return them to the church.

Those Who Are Ill

Among our sick are: Mrs. Lee Sapp in Lutheran Hospital. Ted Goebel is a patient in Room 478, Lutheran Hospital. The David Overby baby is ill in St. Joseph's Hospital. Mr. Clinton Keith is critically ill at Lutheran. Mrs. Myrtle Strout is very ill in Room 502, Methodist Hospital.

New Babies in our Church Family

A little son, Michael Paul, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Jones on Thursday, November 5.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers next Sunday are the gift of Rev. Mr. Beck in memory of his Father, William Beck.

Our Driveway

Funds for concrete still coming in: Miss Dorothy Murphy and Mr. E. R. Baker, each for one cubic yard \$11.60. Thanks to our good members who are helping.



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Pastor Named Board Chairman

Paul Stauffer, pastor of the First Christian Church of Frankfort, Ky., was elected chairman of the Board of Managers of The United Christian Missionary Society in a meeting of the board at Portland, Ore., in July. Mrs. David Nelson Sutton, West Point, Va., was named vice chairman. These officers will serve for one year and will officiate at the next annual meeting of the United Society, to be held at the time of the 1954 International Convention in Miami, Fla.

Orval Peterson, pastor of the First Christian Church of Yakima, Wash., was chosen chairman of the nominating committee of the Board of Managers at the annual meeting of the United Society in Portland. John Norman, pastor of the First Christian Church of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was elected vice chairman and Mrs. I. C. Harriman of Little Rock, Ark., secretary. They head a committee of 20 persons representing as many different states and will serve during the coming year.

Also elected at Portland for a three year term were 40 new members of the United Society's Board of Managers. The 120-member board represents all states and areas in which the Disciples of Christ have organized work in the United States and Canada.

United Society Workers Honored

Missionaries and Christian education workers who completed five to 30 years of service under The United Christian Missionary Society during the year 1952-1953 were honored at a fellowship meeting during the International Convention of Disciples of Christ in



Paul Stauffer

Portland, Ore., in July. Silver and gold service pins were presented to 24 staff workers and missionaries.

Those receiving 30-year service pins were Miss Ruth Leslie and Miss Mae Wilson, missionaries to Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. David Byerlee and Miss Hattie Mitchell, missionaries to the Belgian Congo. Pins for 25 years of service were awarded to W. G. Moseley, director of religious education for Washington and North Idaho; O. T. Mattox, director of religious education for Illinois and Wisconsin, and Miss Leona Hood, home missionary at Hazel Green, Ky.

Cited for 15 years of service through the United Society were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Williams, missionaries to Puerto Rico. Mrs. Malcolm Norment, home mission worker at Yakima Indian Christian Mission, White Swan, Wash., was awarded a ten-year pin. A group of nine missionaries and Christian education directors was recognized for giving five or more years of service and three part-time workers were recognized for ten years of service.

United Society Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the United Christian Missionary Society was held at the time of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, in Portland, Ore., in July. Several thousand members of the Society, gathered in the Portland Civic Auditorium to conduct the annual corporate business of the organization.

A fellowship of praise and prayer opened the annual meeting. Participating in this worship were Mrs. Rosa Page Welch of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. P. D. Sukhnandan of India and Aigi Kami-kawa, missionary to Japan. The Society's annual report for the year 1951-1952, which appeared in the Convention program booklet, was presented by Mrs. Barton A. Johnson, Covington, Ky., chairman of the Society's Board of Managers. The report of the 1953 nominating committee was read by

Donald M. Salmon, Seattle, Wash., committee chairman.

A significant statement concerning missionary policies and the future of the world missionary enterprise was given at the annual meeting by the Society's president, Dr. A. Dale Fiers. "We are meeting everywhere, the rebound of our own efforts to lift men and enable them to share the abundant life which Christ came to give," Dr. Fiers declared. "It is inevitable," he said, "that the Church should be faced with the necessity for re-thinking its strategy to meet the changing world situation."

The United Society, Dr. Fiers explained, is now working out a re-statement of its world missions policy which will be brought before the churches in due time.

Missionaries, national and field staff workers and board members of the United Christian Missionary Society are presented during the annual meeting in Portland Civic Auditorium.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Tower Bells and Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.

Anthems, Thanks Be To God"

Organist: Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott

"Prayer of Thanksgiving"

Director of Music: Mrs. J. C. Bartholomew

High School and Sanctuary Choirs

Sermon: "Where Will You Draw the Line?"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Our High School Choir will join the Sanctuary Choir this Sunday in the Processional. The robes for the High School Choir have been recently purchased.

GOALS—Goals for Church School Thanksgiving Offering which goes to our Brotherhood causes:

Men's Class	\$20.00
Ladies' Bible Class	15.00
Friendly Class	20.00
Progressive Class	30.00
Come-Double Class	30.00
LaKoda Class	5.00
High School Class	7.50

Intermediates	\$ 5.00
Junior Dept.	7.00
Primary Dept.	6.00
Kindergarten	4.00
Nursery	3.00
Officers	5.50

DRIVEWAY—By the work of our own men the driveway has been laid at a cost of \$420 which is between \$350 and \$400 less than it would have cost by hiring all the work done. Practically all of the cost has been covered by gifts from our members. Mr. and Mrs. Bret Young made a gift of one cubic yard (\$11.60) last week. A sincere thanks to all of you, to Hugh Tracey, Homer Koomler and those who have helped.

OFFICIAL BOARD—The most important meeting of the year will be held this Sunday evening in the form of a supper from 5 to 7 o'clock in the evening. Floyd Morrical is in charge of the Elders' Team. Eppie R. Baker, John Merrill and Powell Rayburn are in charge of the Deacons' Team. Mrs. Chester Follis is in charge of the deaconesses' Team.

William H. Crouse is Chairman of the Official Board, Meldren Kreps is Vice-Chairman; Robert E. Clipp, Chairman of Elders, Harold Crowder, Vice-chairman; John E. Merrill, Chairman of Deacons, Eppie R. Baker, Vice-chairman; Mrs. Gail J. Roe, Chairman of Deaconesses; Sherman G. Myers, Chairman of Trustees; Glenn R. Miller, Treasurer; Mrs. Owen Vaught, Church Clerk.

SHRUBS—Those who have shrubs to donate to beautify our Church grounds get in touch with Hugh Tracey.

CHANCEL FLOWERS—Mrs. T. Richard Eiler presents flowers in honor of her father and mother's Fifty-fifth wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris.

ANTHEMS AND DUET BOOKS—Please check your music library and if you have copies of anthems or duet books loaned by the Church please return them as soon as possible. With our ever increasing Choirs they will be needed.

THE SYMPATHY OF THE CHURCH—Goes to Mrs. Jessie Gerwig and Mrs. Cora Reynolds in the recent loss of their dear mother, Mrs. Amy Shawhan. Mrs. Shawhan was a faithful and consecrated member of this church.

A NEW PICTURE IN NURSERY—The Officers of the Church School wish to thank the donor of the new picture which hangs in the Nursery. This picture is greatly appreciated and well received by the little children.



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C. W. F. "Fashion Parade" Presented

Oklahoma women set forth the goals and program emphases of the Christian Women's Fellowship in a clever skit, presented at their 1953 state convention. Their "fashion parade" was viewed so enthusiastically that the women were asked to bring it before the mass meeting of women at the International Convention in Portland, Ore., in July. The skit, "What the Best Dressed C.W.F.s Are Wearing," met with approval at the Portland women's workshop.

Mrs. Thomas B. Peake of Tulsa, Okla., was narrator for the "fashion parade" in which a group of women modeled hats which were decorated to illustrate a C.W.F. program goal or emphasis. There was a hat decked with a small piano and replica of a church building, which represented "worship." Another, crowned with praying hands

CWF "fashion parade" presented by Mrs. Doran Myers, (left) and Mrs. Thomas B. Peake, Tulsa, Okla.



and an open Bible, stood for the C.W.F. goal of "deepened spiritual life."

One broad-brimmed hat bore a host of little dolls, and pointed to the C.W.F. goal of "doubled membership" in the long range program. The goal of "doubled giving" was illustrated by a hat hung heavily with dollar bills and checks. The reading of Christian literature, which is given attention in most women's groups, was set forth in the skit by a hat studded with tiny books and magazines.

A number of other features were included in the "fashion parade," with the narrator unfolding the well-rounded program of Christian Women's Fellowship as the models strolled across the stage, wearing their hats.

Briefs . . .

A new office was opened recently in Washington, D. C., by the National Council of Churches Committee on Christian Institutions. The office is expected to keep in touch with legislative measures having to do with church-related colleges. The office is under the direction of Dr. Raymond B. McLain, former president of Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky., and at present, general director of the National Council Commission on Christian Higher Education.

Protestant churches are taking part in the current project for raising nutrition standards of poverty stricken village people in Egypt. Through the Church World Service Department of the National Council of Churches, in the first six months of 1953 a total of 67,239 day-old chicks were flown from New York to Cairo, Egypt.

International C. W. F. Organized

Officers Named for Four-Year Term

A fellowship of women in the churches of Disciples of Christ across the United States and Canada was formed at Portland, Ore., in July. On the opening day of the International Convention, in a mass meeting of women, the International Christian Women's Fellowship was organized.

Mrs. Russell C. Putnam of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, was named president of the new fellowship. A member of the Euclid Avenue Christian Church of Cleveland, she has been state president of the Ohio CWF and a member of the Commission on Brotherhood Finance. Mrs. H. I. Rudduck of Mishawaka, Ind., was elected vice chairman of the fellowship. She is active in interdenominational affairs serving on the national board of the United Church Women and as state president of the Indiana Council of Church Women. A member of the Christian church of South Bend, she is also a trustee of the United Christian Missionary Society. Miss Jessie M. Trout, executive secretary of the department of Christian Women's Fellowship of the United Society was named secretary of the international CWF.

The newly formed fellowship will function through a commission of around 160 members who have been chosen to represent women's groups in their states and provinces. The purpose of the organization is to provide a means whereby women may have a voice on national and international issues which concern them as Christians and offer them a channel for participation in interdenominational women's work. The commission will meet every four years, probably at the time of the

International Convention of Disciples of Christ.

An advisory council of 17 members, drawn from the general commission, will meet semi-annually. The council will advise the staff of the national department of Christian Women's Fellowship on such matters as program planning for local groups. The first advisory council was selected at the Portland meeting of the commission.

Advisory Council Chosen

Members of the International CWF Advisory Council are:

Mrs. J. Lloyd Black, Washington, D. C.
Mrs. John T. Fitzgerald, Indianapolis, Ind.
Miss Agnes Henderson, Enid, Oklahoma
Mrs. Berniece Holmes, Okla. City, Okla.
Miss Mary Ellen La Rue, Lexington, Ky.
Mrs. Arthur E. Landolt, Moberly, Mo.
Mrs. Kenneth Bowen, Chicago, Illinois
Mrs. Arthur J. Culler, Cleveland, O.
Mrs. Jack B. Dale, Dallas, Texas
Mrs. Thomas F. Dodson, Little Rock, Ark.
Miss Shirley Muir, Toronto, Ont., Canada
Mrs. Warner Muir, Des Moines, Iowa
Mrs. Alice Rist Langford, Indianapolis, Ind.
Miss Velta Dreese, Indianapolis, Ind.
Mrs. Russell C. Putnam, Cleveland, O.
Mrs. H. I. Rudduck, Mishawaka, Ind.
Miss Jessie M. Trout, Indianapolis, Ind.

The advisory group met in Indianapolis in September to outline CWF programs for the year 1955-1956. These are the general women's programs issued annually in a packet for use by local groups.

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THOUGHTS ON THANKSGIVING DAY

In A.D. 1401, a group of men adventurous in spirit decided to build a Cathedral in Seville, Spain. They gathered in prayer. After praying they unfolded a breath-taking plan. They were challenged for suggesting such a magnificent building. They answered with a greater challenge, "LET US BUILD A CHURCH SO GREAT THAT THOSE WHO COME AFTER US MAY THINK US MAD TO HAVE ATTEMPTED IT." For over 550 years there has stood that breath-taking gem of architecture to the Glory of God and to the uplift of man.

In the mountains of Austria, I saw a tiny church, twenty or thirty people would crowd it. There's your choice. Build a noble temple or a tiny building to God. Angelo wrote over a sketch submitted by a promising pupil the word, "LARGER." It was said of a preacher, "He makes you think and feel larger."

No one man can build and crowd a church with people. It is the task for every Christian. **We must do it together.** Great churches have the help of their business men and teachers, and hundreds and hundreds of loyal, devoted members.

Now we have the Building—This is our supreme moment. This is the hour for "Spiritual Ascendence." We must see large things, do great things. Under God, let us work and build until those who come after will think we have been mad. But we are not mad following God's will. How big are you?

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Tower Bells and Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.

Anthem: "Bless the Lord".

Organist: Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott

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Director of Music: Mrs. James C. Bartholomew

Sermon: "In Every Generation"Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Over \$88.00 has been received toward the cost of the High School Choir Robes. The cost of the robes is \$156. **Bring or send your gift.**

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Worship, Recreation and Fellowship for our Youth.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 South Webster Street, on Friday evening, December 4th at 8 P.M. Assisting hostesses are: Mrs. F. J. Worrell and Miss Edna Saxon. There will be a gift exchange.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dr. Royal J. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Eural G. Rose, 4001 Arlington Avenue on Wednesday afternoon, December 2nd at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. David Hogg will give the Christmas program and Mrs. E. L. Harris will have devotions.

The Edna Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. John Berlien, 2918 Bowser Avenue, on Tuesday afternoon, December 1. The members are remindd to bring packages for the Cleveland Orphanage for Christmas.

Mrs. Paul Clendenen wishes to take this opportunity to thank all the women for their help and for donations which made the bazaar and supper a success. a success.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. Paul Clendenen, 2217 Thompson Ave., Wednesday, December 2, for a carry-in luncheon at 12:30 P.M.

A CORDIAL WELCOME

We welcome into the Church fellowship: Mrs. Milo F. Miller, Mrs. Henry Vernard, Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin H. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Jim N. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hechler, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur M. Whinery, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Lyon, and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip E. Uhl.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

Dr. Donald F. West of the United Christian Missionary Society is the guest speaker at the Installation Service for Rev. John R. Talbott on Tuesday evening. The Choir will furnish music for the Service and for the reception which follows.



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14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION

WHAT IS BETTER THAN

A good example? A father can set for his son or daughter. How do you remember your father? I remember mine. Clean of habit, alert of mind. I can see him before a Sunday School Class of boys with their attention riveted on him. I remember his energy, his fearlessness. I remember him helping the poor, securing jobs for men out of work, supporting the Church with liberality. I remember him fighting the saloon, working to run them out of town with the local option vote. He did not stay in bed on Sunday mornings; he did not drive off to look over his properties; he did not transact business on Sunday or bring friends in and have a big dinner and so stay away from Church. He was in Church. He was an example in the town. There was no question where my father stood on religion or morals. From the bottom of my heart, I thank God for such a father. Let us face it, let us ask, "What kind of fathers are we?"

WOMAN'S DAY

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Tower Bells and Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.
 Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist
 Mrs. James C. Bartholomew, Director of Music
 Miss Helen Spalding, Chicago, Guest Speaker

Solo: "Come Unto Him" Handel
 Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Soloist
 Anthem: "Lo, How A Rose
 E'er Blooming" Praetorius

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Thanksgiving Offering will be announced this Sunday.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Wiener Roast will be a part of the program this Sunday evening. Mr. Talbott will meet with our C.Y.F. Every youth is urged to be present.

OLDER YOUNG PEOPLE

The College Age and 20-30 group meet with Mr. J. E. Weicker each Sunday morning at 9:30 A.M. as the LaKoda Class. This group is a growing part of our Church. Plans are under way to have an Evening group. If you come in this category make a point to be present this Sunday.

GREETINGS

My Warm Personal Greetings to Each of You

One feels at home immediately in surroundings that speak so prophetically of a great future for a program of Christian Education such as First Christian Church deserves. Your welcome to the Church and to Fort Wayne has been most heartening.

A high vision of the educational task and function of the Church will call forth our best and most skilled efforts. It is indeed a privilege to serve as your minister of Christian Education and to work as a co-minister with my very dear friend, Rev. Mr. Robert T. Beck.

I look forward to knowing each of you personally as the days come and go.

—John R. Talbott

GREETINGS FROM THE CHURCH

to John R. Talbott

We welcome our new Minister of Education. We appreciate the fine reputation and Christian character, and the cultural background, of our new leader. We want him to know us, as we are, a fine congregation of Christian people, interested in our children and their growth in Christian living, and in the growth of our people in their grasp of great Christian principles and in the expression of the Spirit of Christ in our work, in our family life and in our life in the local and world Community. We are your friend, Mr. Talbott. May God bless you with the best, and may our fellowship together mean everything for Christ, our Lord and His Church. We welcome you to a great work.

OUR BUDGET FOR 1954

One fifth of our paying and pledging members have been seen. The average increase in pledges has been 32%. Some have doubled their pledges. Many have increased them by 50%. Never was their greater need for the Church to be at its best in the world when the challenges of the godless are so loud. The Sunday dinner should choke in our throats if we pay no attention to these imperative needs. Are you your brother's keeper? Does, 'Go ye, make disciples' apply to you? Yes, we know you pay taxes, but so do we all. That is no answer. It comes down to whether we love Christ or not. Giving now may be a spiritual blessing. And December is the month of Christmas.

REPORT MEETING SUNDAY, 5 P.M.

The officers of the Church are to make their second report Sunday evening at 5 o'clock at a Coffee Hour. It is the desire of Finance Committee to have as full a coverage as possible.

GREAT DAY FOR WOMAN'S DAY SERVICES SUNDAY, 10:30 A.M.

Miss Helen Spalding, director of Research in Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, will be the guest speaker at the Woman's Day Services according to Mrs. Henry M. Flowers, president of the Christian Women's Fellowship.



Miss Helen Spalding

Miss Spaulding is a graduate of the School of Journalism of the University of Illinois and has her Master of Arts Degree in Religious Education from the University of Chicago. She is the former State Secretary of Missionary Education for the Disciples of Christ in Illinois and National Director of Youth Work of the Disciples of Christ before coming to the International Council of Religious Education. During the year 1951 she traveled in Europe and was a member of a seminar of twenty Protestant leaders from all sections of the United States. They met with political, economic, educational and religious leaders in 10 Countries. She is the writer of many magazine articles and curriculum materials in the youth field.

Others participating in the services in addition to Mrs. Flowers and Miss Spaulding are Mrs. Robert T. Beck, Mrs. Eural Rose and Mrs. Hugh Rice. The loose offering will go to the Christian Women's Fellowship.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

December 6	Gail J. Roe	Owen O. Vaught
December 13	Robert E. Clipp	Henry M. Flowers
December 20	Albert Egly	John S. Craig
December 27	Hugh D. Rice	Eural G. Rose

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Captain, Harold K. Pritchard, A-36712; J. Hugh Tracey, Robert E. Working, Clarence Hendrickson, Ralph J. Richard, Kenneth V. Lytle, Dr. R. W. Goebel, A. Howard Wise, Meldren S. Kreps, Everett W. Evans, John C. Cole, Cecil A. Kinzie.

When unable to serve, please call your Captain.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet on Tuesday evening, December 8, at 8 P.M.

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NOTES

Robert Kernan who has been quite ill is well again. We rejoice with him and his family.

Mrs. Paul Carpenter underwent surgery Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. The prayers of the Church are with her.

Mrs. Gail J. Roe has been ill at her home.

Mrs. Bartholomew is greatly improved but Katie is still quite ill.

Vaughn Brickley operates a grocery store on South Fairfield just South of Maxine Drive.

Herbert Banet is operating a Christmas Tree Market just North of Pontiac on Calhoun Street.

Another call is being made for basketball team suits. 5 have been returned but 5 are still missing. If you have one of these please bring it to the Church or call Don Miller.

The SECRET PLACE for this quarter is now at hand. A number are using them for Christmas presents.

CHURCH ENVELOPES for 1954 will be ready and in the Narthex on December 13.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The MONTGOMERY Circle will meet with Mrs. Horace E. Russell, 1014 Maxine Drive, Tuesday evening, December 8, at 7:30 P.M. Members please remember to bring their gifts for the Cleveland Christian Orphanage. Also bring your money made from project. Mrs. F. E. Morrical will serve as assistant hostess.

SERVICE FOR BLESSING CHILDREN

This service will be held Christmas Sunday, December 20th.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The Progressive Class will hold their annual Christmas party on Saturday evening, December 19 at 7:15 P.M. There will be a 25c gift exchange. Bring your children's gifts and they should be marked. Santa Claus will make us a visit and refreshments will be served.

The Come-Double Class will hold their Christmas Party on Saturday evening, December 12th at 7:30 P.M.

Church School Christmas Party December 18th.

The Chancel flowers today are the gift of Mrs. Ollie Wiley in memory of her mother.



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This is my Church. It is composed of people like me. **We make it what it is.** I want my Church to be a **lamp lighting the pathway** of pilgrims, leading them to truth, goodness and beauty. It will be if I am. It will be **friendly**, if I am. Its **pews will be filled**, if I fill them. It will **do great work**, if I work. It will make **generous gifts to many causes**, if I am a generous giver. It will **bring other people into its worship and fellowship**, if I bring them. It will be a **Church of loyalty and love**, of **fearlessness and faith**; and a **Church of a noble spirit**—if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall **dedicate myself to the task of being all of the things that I want my Church to be.**

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Tower Bells and Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Anthem: by Choir

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Mrs. James C. Bartholomew, Director of Music

Sermon: "Spiritual Suicide"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Classes and Departments are arranged for all ages. Christmas goal accepted.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Lloyd Flowers is the leader. Mr. Talbott will speak on opportunities for immediate enlargement of Youth Program. During the fellowship hour Christmas wreaths will be made and hung in the room amid an atmosphere of carols and candle-light.

Older young people plan a business and planning meeting next week. Also a Christmas party as the December Social program.

A TAX EXPERT SPEAKS!

According to Federal Regulations, if you list your deductions on page 3 of your Income Tax Return you can deduct up to 20% of your income if given to your church or other recognized charity. This means that when you give \$100 you are really only giving \$80 and Uncle Sam donates the \$20 which would otherwise go to Him. The above applies to the lowest income bracket, the higher your income the less you give and the more Uncle Sam donates.

—Albert Egly

Woman's Day - 1953

EACH YEAR since 1890, women of the brotherhood of Disciples of Christ have observed what is now known as "Woman's Day." Started as "National C.W.B.M. Day" by members of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, the observance was set up for the purpose of collecting offerings for world missions.

In recent years, Woman's Day has been observed usually the first Sunday in December, as a time for laying before the church membership the Christian imperative of world missions. Information on the cooperative missionary program of the brotherhood through the United Christian Missionary Society has been shared with the churches in Sunday worship services on this special day.

The theme for Woman's Day this year is "Every Church a Mission; Every Christian a Missionary," which sets forth the idea that the church exists to proclaim the Christian gospel and to bring people to commitment to Christian discipleship. The theme is closely tied to the 1953-1954 brotherhood emphases, world missions and evangelism.

Brotherhood Gives Worship Book to Military Chaplains

A copy of the new *Christian Worship*—*A Service Book* by G. Edwin Osborn was recently presented to each of the 135 Disciples of Christ ministers on active duty in the chaplaincy. This was done on behalf of the brotherhood by the Committee on Military and Veterans Services of the United Christian Missionary Society.

Letters of appreciation for this fine worship manual have been received by the committee from nearly every Disciple chaplain. A few of the comments follow:

Edwin B. Banks: "The worship resources book is invaluable. Orders of worship should now take on new life."

Chester L. Barnett: "I cannot thank you enough for the beautiful New Testament (also sent by the committee) and very useful book, *Christian Worship*."

Daniel W. Fielder: "I know of no more valuable book for a chaplain than this one."

Donald L. Forbes: "It is good to know that we can still keep in contact with the brotherhood even in a foreign land."

Luther C. Goebel: "Thanks a million for *Christian Worship*. It is just what we have been needing."

Maury Hundley: "I think the gift from the brotherhood of Dr. Osborn's book, *Christian Worship*, was one of the finest things done by any group for their chaplains."

Wallace R. White: "This tangible evidence of concern from the brotherhood is one of the best morale builders to date. Again, thanks."

Helpful items are sent regularly to the chaplains to help them in their work and to show that the churches at home are following them with friendly interest. Week of Compassion funds support the committee in this work.

Author Visits Congo Mission

John Gunther, famed for his books, *Inside U.S.A.*, *Inside Europe*, and others, paid a visit to the Belgian Congo last summer. Disciples of Christ were pleasantly surprised, according to Mrs. Helen Weeks, when Mr. and Mrs. Gunther spent a day and night at the Wema Mission station. The visit was part of an eight-months tour of Africa being made by the author in preparation for an "inside" book on that continent.

"We asked Mr. Gunther if this was as primitive as anything he has seen in Africa," Mrs. Weeks reports. "He said, 'yes' on the trip from Boende to Wema was the first time he had really seen 'undressed, picturesque natives.' So we take heart," Mrs. Weeks concludes, "that maybe we shouldn't expect to push things quite so fast with our Mission."

The Wema Mission is one of eight mission stations operating in the Belgian Congo under the United Christian Missionary Society. Located on the Tshuapa River, several hundred miles from the city of Coquilhatville, few of its people have been touched yet by modern life.

Parts of Congo Still Primitive Missionary Says

"This is still Congo!" declares Miss Edna Poole, teacher in the Disciples of Christ Mission school at Bolenge. "The women are still in bondage," she explains, with the following story:

"Old Sofina came weeping, showing her bruises and torn clothing where her husband had beaten her and thrown her out of his house. She is too old and ailing to have garden stuff to sell and provide food for the household.

"Sofina's husband told her to go back to her father's home and let him have his money back to get a better wife. She said, 'My father is dead. My brothers have used up all the bride price that my father received for me. They do not want me as they do not want to repay the money. Where can I go?'

"The pastor and elders of the Bolenge church are discussing the problem," Miss Poole reports. The Bolenge station is only five miles from the city of Coquilhatville on the Congo River and therefore, nearer the outside world of modern transportation, schools and other facilities, than most of the other stations in the Disciples of Christ Congo Mission. Still, as Miss Poole's story indicates, even Bolenge is "still Congo."

Miss Buena Stober, missionary nurse in the Belgian Congo helps a mother outfit her baby from a service gift box sent to the Mission from Disciple churches in the United States.



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CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 1954

Your box of Church Envelopes for 1954 will be on the table in the Narthex next Sunday morning. They will be in alphabetical order. Please look for **your name** on the box as the carton numbers change from year to year. IF YOU DO NOT FIND THEM, please call the office or check with Mrs. Vaught.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers for next Sunday are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller in memory of Mr. Miller's mother.

MEN'S FORUM

Sunday from 5 to 7 P.M.

Mr. Calvin Hill, head of the Indiana-Michigan Corp., popular with Men's groups will be the guest speaker for the last meeting of the year.

The report of the Nominating Committee will be made and election of officers at the business meeting.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Irene Kissinger, 1007 Northwood on Monday, December 14 at 6:30 P.M. A Christmas program planned and Christmas gift exchange.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Paul Whitton, 3308 S. Clinton St. on Monday, December 14 at 7:30 P.M. A 25c gift exchange. Bring gifts for the Cleveland Home. Miss Frances Jailor will show pictures of her European trip. Visitors are welcome.

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Miss Mildred Hutchinson and Miss Mildred Hartman, 301 E. Fleming next Tuesday evening, December 15 at 6 P.M.

The General meeting of the Fellowship will be Tuesday evening, December 15th. Executive at 7:15 P.M. Regular meeting at 8 P.M. Mrs. Albert Egly will bring devotions. Mr. Douglas Norman Maffi-Dodds guest speaker. Special music by Miss Kathleen McCormick, accompanied by Miss Bonnie Fusselman.

All Classes and persons having gifts for the Cleveland Christian Home please bring them next Sunday or give them to Mrs. E. T. Fusselman or Mrs. F. E. Morrical by the 15th. Such gifts may be toilet articles such as, tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap, wash cloths, combs, brushes, towels, etc. May we suggest they be gift wrapped. Cash gifts are also acceptable.

Christian Evangelist subscriptions may be made through Mrs. Albert Egly, A-58232. Your subscription should be in her hands before the first of the year. Single subscriptions \$3.00; in group of five subscriptions \$2.00 per year.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Come-Double Class will have their Christmas party on Saturday evening, December 12th at 6 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall.

A NEW BABY IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Eyer, on Tuesday, December 8th at Lutheran Hospital. Mother and baby doing nicely. They are in room 357.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Little Timothy O'Grady is a patient in room 452, Lutheran Hospital. He is the son of Mrs. Thos. O'Grady. Mrs. Paul Carpenter is a surgery patient in Parkview Hospital, Room 313. Mrs. Ida Mae England has recovered from a recent illness. Mrs. Floyd Boschet, our custodian's wife, is seriously ill, having undergone surgery at St. Joseph's hospital. Rita Marie Roe has been quite ill at her home. Mrs. Jack Brickley is ill at St. Joseph's hospital.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keith and family, Mrs. Clinton Keith, and Mrs. Wm. C. Robinson in the recent loss of son, husband and brother, Clinton Keith.

CHICKEN POX AMONG OUR CHILDREN

David Shockney and the Weicker children have the Chicken Pox. Little Debbie Menke, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Follis, is ill. Rita Rae has been ill.

SERVICE FOR BLESSING CHILDREN

This service will be held Christmas Sunday, December 20th.
Church School Christmas Party December 18th.



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Hopes had grown craven—eager had been the vision of the prophet. Unappeased were the yearning and deep desires of the hearts of men for a deliverer, a Messiah from God to set the world aright. The long centuries had stilled in all hearts, save a few, the hope for God's salvation. At such a dark hour, the time was fulfilled and the hour of wonder came, as God set His Eternal Child in the midst of the world.

Just when humanity is about to be scorched, withered, and blighted by sheer selfishness, lust and cruel hatred, God repeats the wonder of the first Christmas. When our Lord came as a babe, unheralded by men, love waited on Him with tender care. Today He depends on our love and devotion. Too long our dear Saviour has witnessed silently through the centuries the forgetfulness and failure of people bearing His name.

New born again may Christ come in our hearts prepared and ready — and may the joy of heaven fill your hearts made ready for Him with the hope and peace of Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Talmage Beck
and Martha Jeannette.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Tower Bells and Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Mrs. James C. Bartholomew, Director of Music

Anthem: "Cradle Song of the

Shepherds" Glatz Folk Song, Heyne

Double Quartet

J. E. Weicker, Mrs. K. V. Lytle, Mrs. Hilda Geyer

Brown, Miss Anita Fitch, Dr. H. W. Crowder,

Mr. David Griggs, Mr. Donald L. Miller, Mr. Charles Cook.

Anthem: "Hallelujah" from "The Messiah," Handel

Sanctuary Choir

Preacher: Our Pastor

Sermon: "God With Us"

Convention Starts Fund to Train Negro Missionaries

One of the high points in the 1953 annual assembly of the National Christian Missionary Convention at Roanoke, Va., last summer came with the authorization of a fund for training Negro missionaries. Called the Rosa Page Welch Scholarship Fund, the project was undertaken after Mrs. Welch spoke to the convention, urging that the brotherhood send more Negro workers abroad.

Enthusiasm ran high at the convention when the fund was voted and \$3,500 was pledged from the floor. The plan of the National Convention of the Negro churches is to turn the scholarship fund to the United Christian Missionary Society with instructions that the money shall be used for recruiting and equipping Negro young people for foreign service through the United Society's department of missionary selection and training.

Mission boards in America are being urged by persons who have visited or worked in Asia, the Near East and Africa to send more Negro missionaries to those fields. This is due to the current feeling abroad that white people signify foreign control. "Missionary ranks of solid white do not help the cause of missions," it has been reported to the National Council of Churches.

Churches in Defense Communities Serve Military Personnel

Military personnel and industrial defense workers who move temporarily into new communities are being wel-

comed into the activities of a number of churches. Services to newcomers to the camp and defense communities are being encouraged among Christian churches by the Committee on Military and Veterans Services of the United Christian Missionary Society.

W. S. Van Arsdale, field representative of the committee, working with camp and defense communities, reports that ministers, religious education directors and lay leaders are making an effort to bring defense workers into the life of their churches. Soldiers, plant employees and their wives are invited not only to attend church services but to sing in the choir, teach classes, lead Scout Troops and otherwise enter into the church programs.

Carols at Christmas

O, the thrilling, stilling rapture
That a Christmas carol can bring!
Few are they who really capture
All its glory as they sing!

Yet the ageless, matchless wonder
Of its message through the years
Seems to break the heart asunder
'Til one's eyes are filled with tears.

There's an olden, golden glory
In both melody and word
That retells the Christmas story
'Til the hardest heart is stirred.

So, let careful, prayerful singing
Of the carols on Christmas morn
Say the whole, wide world is ringing
With the song, "The Christ Is Born!"

—SAMUEL F. PUGH



The Christmas story of the birth of Christ enacted by Chinese youth in the Churches of Christ Mission at Nakon Pathom, Thailand where American and British churches now cooperate.

Hearts of Indian People Reached By Christianity, Not Reform Laws

Although legislation has been passed by the Indian government abolishing the age-old caste system in that country, the idea of brotherhood has not yet reached the hearts of many people, says Peter Solomon, Indian Christian leader.

"A movement is started in our district by the untouchable group to demand their social rights and equalities," Mr. Solomon explains. "The barbers have refused to cut the hair of sweepers and leather workers. These untouchables are given tea in clay pots instead of regular cups and saucers. After the clay pots are used once they are broken and thrown away, so that higher caste persons will not be contaminated by touching them.

"Some of the outcasts have asked if they could be accepted in the Christian brotherhood and I have replied, 'By all

means,' " Mr. Solomon reports. "They have asked me this question because they have heard the message of brotherliness which comes to all of us through the love of Christ as preached by our missionaries and Indian church leaders through the years.

"We cannot know what the outcome of this movement among the untouchables will be," Mr. Solomon concludes. "We must pray that God will open a new way for the extension of his Kingdom in which there is no distinction or discrimination."

L. Franklin White, Disciples of Christ missionary to India, reports that in a recent six-month period more than 400 people became Christians in formerly non-Christian villages in the area around the new mission in Orissa.

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GOALS for Church School Christmas Offering which goes to The National Benevolent Ass'n.

Men's Class	\$20.00	Intermediates	\$ 5.00
Ladies Bible Class	20.00	Junior Dept.	7.00
Friendly Class	15.00	Primary Dept.	6.00
Progressive Class	30.00	Kindergarten	4.00
Come-Double Class	25.00	Nursery	3.00
LaKoda Class	5.00	Officers	5.50
High School Class	7.50		

SHIFT YOUR TAX DOLLARS TO THE CHURCH

Before December 31st — 11 More Days

20% Deduction

The United States Treasury Department permits you to claim income tax exemption for your contribution to religious and charitable purposes up to any amount equal to 20% of your gross income for the year. Have **YOU** shifted **YOUR** tax dollars in keeping with this new 20% allowance?

If all First Christian members and friends will now contribute up to the full 20% exemption our great Church will enter a new era of opportunity.

Only eleven more days remain in 1953. The Government demands that your contribution be made prior to December 31st, or before the year 1953 closes. **DO IT NOW.**

BLESSING OF CHILDREN

Parents wishing their children to be in our beautiful Service of Blessing the Children should have them here by 11:15 o'clock Sunday morning. Be sure to take them to the Church Office where you will be assisted in filling out the certificate for your child.

C.Y.F. — 5:00 P.M.

C.Y.F. next Sunday at 5:00 P.M. C.Y.F. will have a Candlelight Service at 5:00 P.M. Sunday evening in the High School room. The lunch is fifteen cents. There will be Christmas Carols sung and a brief discussion of future program for high school young people.

CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday evening, December 18th at 7:30 P.M. Please have the children here, at the latest, at 7:15 P.M. The pageant will begin promptly at 7:30. John S. Craig—Co-Supt.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Will be held Saturday night, December 19th at 7:15 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Gifts for children should be marked.

THE JUNIOR HIGH DEPARTMENT

Will have a Christmas party at the Church next Sunday, December 20, from 5 to 7 P.M.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers this next Sunday are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Flowers.

NOTES

A bookcase is needed for keeping Church School materials. Do you have one that is not in use. Phone Miss Sarah Shroyer, H-9835.

Christmas Greetings have been received from Lt. and Mrs. Irving L. Denton in California. They expect to be back before many months.

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LAST SUNDAY — 14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION

A Great Time to be Living

To live in a petty fashion in epoch-making times is a tragedy for a Man's soul. For thousands of years men will tell about Stalin, Churchill, Nehru, Mao, Eisenhower, the United Nations, the World Council of Churches — They will talk of the ghostly failure of selfish world schemes and the birth of new ways of co-operating. But what is history saying about you. Could it be that you are small, unsocial, grasping - pleasure seeking, dull, unimpressed, unco-operative in such times. Yes, it is a great time to be alive, an awful time to be dead.

And here you are a church member. Jesus said, "Abide in Me." What is the good of being a member of a good church if you never do anything about it. There is not much value in uniting with a good church and then slipping away. In such a time as this **you have to stick and make good.** You have to drive a stake and stick. You have to win friends who have faith in you. You have to do a job especially well. You have to build your life into an institution. That takes time and energy and concentration. Jesus said, "Abide" — Napoleon said, "A given force, applied at a given point for a given time will produce a result." The church can be made effective only if members like you are alive, vital in its work.

Being alive in such a time. Think — The worst thing of all is to be alive because someone else died so that you might live selfishly and uselessly. How dare you? **WHO IS ALIVE?**

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Chancel Flowers next Sunday is the gift of Mr. Sherman G. Myers.

OUR CHURCH AND CHOIRS

Pictures of our church and our choirs were in the Friday's News Sentinel and Sunday's Journal Gazette. We appreciate this gesture from our daily papers.

D. S. F. Officers Plan Year's Work

The Disciples Student Fellowship executive committee is meeting in Indianapolis the last week in December to lay plans for the coming year's work among college and university student groups. Representing some 200 Disciples of Christ student centers and groups in university churches, the committee is headed by Newton Fowler, national D.S.F. president and a ministerial student at Lynchburg College in Virginia.

Other officers heading the national D.S.F. Ecclesia this year are vice-president, Kenneth Henry, ministerial student at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Tex.; secretary, Miss Joan Snyder, Phillips University, Enid, Okla.; and treasurer, Miss Grace Howell, University of Missouri.

Sponsored by the student work office of the United Christian Missionary Society, D.S.F. groups provide students with a religious program in churches or other centers near university campuses across the nation.

The executive group is planning for the 1954 national summer conference to be held at College Camp, Lake Geneva, Wis., August 29-September 4. Featuring work of the World Council of Churches, the conference theme is the ecumenical movement.

Student Recognition Sunday Observed

On the last Sunday in December, many churches of the brotherhood welcome back into their fellowship the college and university young people who

are at home for the holidays. In schools across the nation, some 50,000 young men and women list their religious preference as Disciples of Christ or Christian church. When they return to their home churches for Christmas and New Year holidays, students are encouraged to continue their church relationship when given an opportunity to tell the home congregation of campus religious experiences. In many churches this is done on Student Recognition Sunday.

Christian Literature Written for Chinese In Southeast Asia

The United Board for Christian Colleges in China is engaging in the struggle for the minds of some 22,000,000 Chinese who now make their homes in Southeast Asia. This is being done through a program of Christian literature in the secular press. Articles of 2,500 to 5,000 Chinese characters in length are produced and their weekly publication arranged with editors of newspapers and magazines in Taiwan, North Borneo, Hong Kong, Thailand, Burma, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaya, Cambodia, Sarawak, Singapore and Vietnam.

Papers which reach Chinese readers in these areas not only publish much of the material but editors ask for more. One article, a joint manifesto of Christian and democratic ideals, was carried on the front page of the leading Chinese daily in Singapore.

Disciples of Christ share in support of the literature program of the United Board through the China Reserve Fund which is administered by the United Christian Missionary Society.

Filipino Women Sponsor "Handful of Rice" Plan

Christian women's organizations in the Philippines have increased their offerings for the church with a "handful of rice" plan during the past year. The idea was for the housewife, when measuring out rice for each meal, to place one handful in a special bag to be given for the extension of Christian women's work.

When the Women's Convention of the Northwest Luzan Conference met last summer in Laoag, each woman presented an envelope of money or a bag of rice. As each one brought her offering forward she told of the work accomplished by her own local group. The "handful of rice" project was adopted by many groups and response in offerings was good.

Mrs. Hubert Reynolds, Disciples of Christ missionary to the Philippines, reports that a highlight of the convention was the announcement that a gift from American churches, matched by the Filipino women, made it possible to employ a women's worker for the

Miss Wilkinson brightens the day for six year old Rosie at the Yakima Mission, giving her a nickel to replace a missing front tooth.



Northwest Luzon Conference in the coming year. The new worker, Mrs. Flavia Duque, is visiting and planning with women's groups and devoting time to churches without full-time pastors.

The Filipino women's national budget includes, among other missionary and benevolent items, their Apayao mountain work and foreign mission projects of the Filipino churches as a whole. Their giving is reported in the Yearbook of Disciples of Christ under the United Society report on offerings from foreign fields.

Former Missionary to China Beloved by Yakima Young People

Miss Wenona Wilkinson, a Disciples of Christ missionary to China from 1915 to 1951, is greatly loved by the young people living at the Yakima Indian Christian Mission near White Swan, Wash. She has been serving at this home missions center since January, 1952.

According to reports from the Yakima Mission staff, Miss Wilkinson has a "strong influence" on the boys and girls with whom she is working. Counsellor for the Christian Youth Fellowship in the Indian church, and matron of the younger girls dormitory at the Mission, she has much to offer the Yakima young people out of her years of experience as a teacher in China Mission schools. Through personal guidance, Miss Wilkinson and the other staff workers are helping the Indian youth to get a vision of life beyond the boundaries of their reservation and an interest in developing their own talents and abilities. Workers are encouraged to see more teen agers attending high school now than in previous years.

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GOALS for Church School Christmas Offering which goes to The National Benevolent Ass'n.

Men's Class	\$20.00	Intermediates	\$ 5.00
Ladies Bible Class	20.00	Junior Dept.	7.00
Friendly Class	15.00	Primary Dept.	6.00
Progressive Class	30.00	Kindergarten	4.00
Come-Double Class	25.00	Nursery	3.00
LaKoda Class	5.00	Officers	5.50
High School Class	7.50		

SHIFT YOUR TAX DOLLARS TO THE CHURCH

Before December 31st — 11 More Days

20% Deduction

The United States Treasury Department permits you to claim income tax exemption for your contribution to religious and charitable purposes up to any amount equal to 20% of your gross income for the year. Have **YOU** shifted **YOUR** tax dollars in keeping with this new 20% allowance?

If all First Christian members and friends will now contribute up to the full 20% exemption our great Church will enter a new era of opportunity.

Only eleven more days remain in 1953. The Government demands that your contribution be made prior to December 31st, or before the year 1953 closes. **DO IT NOW.**

SERVICE OF BLESSING THE CHILDREN

The following children participated in the Service of Blessing on Christmas Sunday: Phyllis Ann Lovell daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Lovell; Terry Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Elser; Charlene Dea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert North; Ralph James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Taylor; Thomas Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Dale Smith; Mark Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Garrett; Nancy Dru and Dianna Elizabeth, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Eddleman; Diane, daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burkart.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Edgar Laden is a surgery patient in St. Joseph's hospital.

Mrs. Albert Wesling, 5005 S. Harrison, suffered a leg injury in a fall on the ice and is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Boschet has returned to the home of her daughter after several week in the hospital.

Mrs. Jack Brickley is quite ill at her home, 4216 South Hanna Street.

Nancy Ann Harshman was born last December 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Harshman, Room 561, St. Joseph's Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clendennen are the proud grandparents. Mrs. J. R. Shockney is ill with flu.

NEW YEAR ROLL CALL SUNDAY.

JANUARY 3rd

A Roll Call of every member. It will be streamlined — only require a few minutes. Every Class in the Church School — and at the morning Worship Service. Start the NEW YEAR right, be in Church worship and the Church School on this Sunday. In these days of living under tension, Christ and His Church offer real help. Never discount that source of power in meeting Life's problem.

OUR CHURCH LAST SUNDAY

The officers serving the Church — the superb music of our choirs — the large Church School — the generous offerings — the new members — the parents and children in the Blessing of Children Service were worthy of our great church. The two beautiful trees in the Sanctuary and the tree in the fellowship hall were the gifts of Herbert Banet. The large trees outside on the portico of the church were decorated by the Tracey brothers, William and Hugh.

There was a generous response for our Children's Home in Cleveland, this project was headed by Mrs. Henry Flowers, president and Mrs. F. E. Morrical, chairman of the Project committee of C.W.F.



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SUNDAY IS ROLL CALL SUNDAY

Start the New Year Right!

- This Year: 1. Be regular in attendance. Do clerks go to store one day and away the next? Do businessmen go to the office one week and run away the next? Do workmen work every other day? Do housewives get meals one day, tidy the house—stack the dishes and gad about the next? Do soldiers drill only when it seems pleasant? Do preachers go into the pulpit on Sunday only now and then? No! Lack of regular, solid dependability ruins everything. Everything including the Church. Let the tide of a New Year carry away this bad fault!
- This Year 2. Be co-operative. The modern church is hindered by too few assuming definite obligation. Too few really care. To absorb is not the whole job, anymore than it is a child's business to do nothing but eat. We sit in Sunday's classes, sit in church absorbing inspiration. The church needs workers. In C.Y.F., in Men's Forum, in Evangelism. Ten times as many workers everywhere. Be a worker in 1954.
- This Year 3. Be on time. This is a prime virtue. In church school classes everything goes better when we begin on time. Leave this fault behind in 1954.
- This Year 4. Be reverent. Some churches are marred by irreverence—too much talking—selfishly, people talk in hallways, entrances and worshippers resent it. They complain of people whispering during service. We know it is in poor taste, hurts service, leave this behind with outgoing tides of 1953.

MY HEART IS IN MY CHURCH

There are days when a pastor faces discouragements. Then there is what the English call "Bright Intervals". Two went to a young man to secure a pledge toward the Church debt. The young man was most courteous. He subscribed a large amount without quibbling. Then as the men were leaving he smiled and added, you know my heart is in my Church. Imagine, how the pastor beamed when he heard that.

There are 8760 hours in a year. We spend 2,920 of them in sleep (or should anyway) 547 hours eating — Surely we ought to devote 52 hours a year in worship.

ANSWER ROLL-CALL SUNDAY



Robert Crawford (left) with Mr. and Mrs. Juan F. Santos in the Missions Building at Indianapolis, Indiana early in the autumn.

Leaders Supported as Ecumenical Projects

Two couples whose work is in the Philippine Islands are being supported in their current activities as ecumenical projects of churches or individuals. Disciples of Christ are taking part in this united endeavor.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crawford, Congregational Christian missionaries, are going to the Philippines this winter to work with the Federation of Churches in Manila. Mr. Crawford will head the Christian literature department of the Federation, and Mrs. Crawford will engage in home and family life projects in the churches.

The Crawfords are jointly supported by mission boards and churches of five different Protestant bodies. These are the Disciples of Christ (through the United Christian Missionary Society and the First Christian Church of Portland, Oregon), Congregational Christian Church, Evangelical-United Brethren, Presbyterian U.S.A. and the World Literacy and Christian Literature Committee of the National Council of Churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Juan F. Santos are in the United States this year, studying at

Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn. They are Disciples of Christ, and Mr. Santos is president of a Christian church school, Northern Christian College, Laoag, the Philippines. Their scholarships are provided through the United Christian Missionary Society, but there is an ecumenical aspect to the scholarships.

The training fund for nationals from abroad, administered by the United Society, is provided by income from the Hans Hansen Trust Fund. Mr. Hansen was a Presbyterian layman who left large sums to five Protestant mission boards for the advanced training of Christian leadership from churches on the foreign fields.

One of the five boards receiving a bequest of \$30,000 from Mr. Hansen for this purpose was the United Society. Mr. and Mrs. Santos and two other nationals, Miss Magdalena Gimena of Argentina and Dr. P. D. Sukhnandan of India, are studying on scholarships this year, provided through the Hans Hansen Trust Fund.

Lewis Deer Joins National Staff

Lewis H. Deer was called from the pastorate of the Pulaski Heights church in Little Rock, Ark., in October to become a national director in the department of social welfare of the United Christian Missionary Society.

A graduate of Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va., and the University of Chicago Divinity School, Mr. Deer had also served Christian churches at West Liberty, W. Va., Arrowsmith, Ill., and Granite City, Ill. In Little Rock he was active in a number of community welfare and interdenominational organizations.

Committee Named To Study Home Missions School

A special committee has been appointed by Dr. A. Dale Fiers, president of the United Christian Missionary Society, to survey the needs of persons being served by Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Ky. The committee is being asked to study the services of the school, a home missions institution sponsored by the United Society, and to make recommendations in the light of changing conditions for highland people in the area.

Those named to serve on the Hazel Green Survey Committee are: Dr. Chester Travelstead, University of South Carolina, chairman; P. F. Ayer,

Council of Southern Mountain Workers, Berea, Ky.; Dr. Howard Beers, University of Kentucky; Dr. Mark Rich, University of Missouri; Dr. Maurice Seay, University of Chicago; Dr. Harlie L. Smith, Board of Higher Education of the Disciples of Christ; Elmer Henson, pastor, Bethany Christian Church, Houston, Tex.; Mrs. Barton A. Johnson, Covington, Ky.; Paul S. Stauffer, Frankfort, Ky., and Mrs. Raymond F. McClain, New York City.

Laymen Hold Retreat In Puerto Rico

Great enthusiasm and a spirit of Christian brotherhood were reported from the retreat of Disciples of Christ laymen in Puerto Rico early in the fall.

Altogether, 21 laymen's groups from churches on the island were represented at the meeting, which was held in the Candelaria Christian Church.

Honored at the retreat was Señor Jesus Rodriguez, oldest of the Disciples of Christ ministers in Puerto Rico. His life as an early convert of the Mission and as a pastor was described on the program by the minister of the Candelaria church, Señor Carmelo Alvarez Perez.

Affectionately called "Don Suncho" by his friends, Señor Rodriguez began to preach shortly after his conversion in 1907. He was officially recognized as a minister of the church in 1915 and walked many miles over unpaved roads from town to town, leading four or five worship services in a single Sunday.

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Churches Maintain Chaplain in the Rochester Hospitals

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The hospital chaplain does not preach to large assemblies. His congregation consists of a single person, or possibly two or three at a time. Instead of standing behind a pulpit he stands beside a bed. His hearers are often ex-

periencing intense pain, or their hearts filled with anxieties and fears. They need encouragement, cheer, assurance and hope.

Serving a proxy for loved ones and friends who cannot come to the patient, the chaplain speaks words of encouragement and cheer in their behalf. He acts also for the home pastor who cannot be present because of distance.

While the chaplain has a congregation of so very few at a time, his total annual congregation numbers well over a thousand patients, plus nearly as many family members and friends who accompany them. The importance and need of this hospital ministry is perhaps best expressed by one who spoke from personal experience: "I think that this is just about the most important work our brotherhood is doing."

This hospital ministry is made possible through the department of church development and evangelism of the United Christian Missionary Society, and the Iowa and Minnesota state missionary societies.

California Christian Men's Fellowship has produced this emblem and symbol.



California Laymen Use Table Emblem In Fellowship Rooms

The table emblem pictured at left was designed by Mr. Campbell, a layman in the Christian church at Bellflower, Calif. Superimposed on the symbol of the man's hand lifting the Cross are the letters C.M.F., which stand for Christian Men's Fellowship. A number of men's groups which use the name are placing this symbol in their meeting rooms.



Typing class in Apayao mountain school.

Mission High School Trains Filipinos in Isolated Province

A tribe long isolated in the Philippine mountain province of Apayao is being served by the first agricultural missionaries to be sent to the islands by the United Christian Missionary Society, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Keyes, who went out in 1951.

The Isnegs were once thought to be incapable of learning anything beyond the simple lessons taught in elementary grades. But the Disciples of Christ established Apayao Christian Academy at the town of Kabugao in 1947. Since then, several classes of Isneg young people have completed high school studies.

A writer for the Philippine Christian *Rural Fellowship Bulletin*, late in 1953 pointed out that Kabugao is so isolated it can be reached only by a week's river journey. There, Mr. and Mrs. Keyes are

directing the high school, training church leaders, demonstrating modern farming methods, supervising some twenty-five pastors and deaconesses who work with churches in the Apayao country, trying to meet rural health problems and rendering other community services.

The writer declares, "the missionary spirit of David Livingstone is living still, and we need more missionaries like the Keyes."

Ecumenical Services In Europe Strengthen Bonds of Friendship

Relief supplies, aid to churches in war-torn communities and the friendly gestures of young fraternal workers from churches in America have helped to create a sense of comradeship between American and European Christians during the postwar years. The Disciples of Christ have had a part in the ecumenical fellowship and service projects through gifts to the Week of Compassion and through Robert Tobias, the United Society's representative with the World Council of Churches.

This year, Mr. Tobias is in the United States speaking in seminaries, church colleges, conventions and other gatherings across the brotherhood. He is interpreting to the brotherhood its part in the ecumenical program of the World Council. A native Kansan who joined the Christian church in his teens because he wanted to be identified with a church that stands for Christian unity, Mr. Tobias is a capable representative of the ecumenical movement. His work this year is leading toward the Second Assembly of the World Council to be held at Evanston, Ill., in August.

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LAKODA MEETING

All members of the LaKoda Class and friends will have a chili supper next Sunday night in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 o'clock.

YOUNGER COUPLES' CLASS

This Sunday the Younger Couples Class will meet for the first time in the Northwest section of the Fellowship Hall. Joseph Carney, attorney, will be the speaker. All Younger married people are invited.

INDUCTION NEXT SUNDAY

The newly elected officers of the Church will be installed this next Sunday morning at the Morning Worship Service.

MASS MEETING OF WORKERS — FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 2:30 P.M. SUNDAY

Dr. Paul Sturgis, National Director of National Christian Teaching Mission of the National Council of Churches of Christ, will meet with workers from 37 co-operating churches in the preliminary meeting for the Mission to be held here January 21-29. Rev. Herman Patton will be the guest leader for our church. Mr. Patton brings a rich background of experience, having been until one year ago the State director of Religious Education for Disciples of Christ of Ohio.

MEN'S FORUM

The first meeting of the Men's Forum for the year will be held from 5 to 7 P.M. next Sunday. A substantial supper is being prepared. Dr. Harold W. Crowder 1954 President, will preside. Mr. Carl J. Suedhoff, who is author of "Religion in the Home" Billboard posters sponsored by the American Legion will be the guest speaker. Every man of the Church and our friends are invited to this program.

NEW MEMBERS

Our church received 121 new members in 1953.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. Wm. C. Robinson, 2602½ So. Hanna St. Monday evening, January 11, at 8 P.M.

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. John Craig, 4516 Smith St. on Tuesday evening, January 12, at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. James R. Shockney will assist the hostess. Mrs. Kenneth Fairfield will present the program.

The Higdon Circle will meet on Monday evening, January 11, at the home of Mrs. Ethel Richhart, 2714 Maumee Ave., at 7:30. Mrs. Meldren Kreps will present the program, Mrs. Alma Beck will give devotions.

Edna Gish Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Crouse, 6502 So. Calhoun at 1:45 Tuesday, Jan. 12th.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Paul Carpenter underwent additional surgery in the Methodist Hospital. Sally Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, 2429 Charlotte Ave., is ill with whooping cough.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. John Hechler who lost her brother, Mr. Behrs, by death on New Year's day.

Mrs. Jack Bruce Brickley is still quite ill.

Edward Ashton is confined to his home.

W. F. Koontz is in St. Joe Hospital.



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"EPISTLES KNOWN AND READ OF ALL MEN"

That is from the Bible—and that is what it says about you—a Christian. You are an "Open Letter." Every one can and does read—Are you an Elder, A Trustee, a Deacon, a Deaconess in the Church? Are you on a Committee? Are you an Office Bearer? What kind of an example are you setting? That is a vital question. And we can tell you this: take a cross-section, take an average of your Official Board, test for loyalty, regularity, ability to get new members, interest in the cause, devotion to Morning Worship, willingness to accept and carry Official loads—test for these things—and the average will determine the quality of your Church in any given period. If you are a leader, then lead. If the Church has entrusted you with an office, then not only show your appreciation but your efficiency. Silly excuses in the light of the New Testament must weary even God—This is the Hour! Everyone to his post—The potential is here—It needs only your loyal work and support.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Tower Bells and Organ Prelude 10:15	Solo: "Christ Went Up Into The Hills"
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist	—Hageman
Mrs. James C. Bartholomew, Director of Music	Mrs. J. C. Bartholomew, Soloist
	Anthem: "Praise Ye The Lord"—Franck
Sermon: "To What Are You Holding On?"	Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Children's Departments are increasing in interest and effectiveness of the work being done in the Church School. Youth and adults are moving into an increased program involved in the National Christian Teaching Mission.

HIGH SCHOOL C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

Next Sunday our pastor, Robert T. Beck, will speak to the CYF group on "Finding God Through Silence." Following the program all committees will meet with their adult counselors to complete plans for the Annual Youth Banquet.

YOUNG MARRIED CLASS

Mr. Max Smith will be the teacher of the young married class beginning this Sunday. He replaces Mr. James Carney who has been called into Service. Mr. Robert Kernen is the acting chairman.

YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY NIGHT

Mr. Talbott will discuss portions of Dr. Elton Trueblood's book, "The Predicament of Modern Man," at the young adult meeting—6:30 in Fellowship Hall. Recreation in the Gym will follow. There will be refreshments.

COMING TO OUR CHURCH NATIONAL CHRISTIAN TEACHING MISSION JANUARY 21-28

In a cooperative enterprise of Churches of Fort Wayne

Under the direction of the National Council of Churches

General Guest leader, Rev. Paul Sturgis

Herman W. Patton, former director of Religious Education of the State of Ohio, will be the guest leader for the First Christian Church.

There are to be Four great projects for every organization and every worker of our church.

Project One — Self Study

Prior to Thursday, January 21st, every head of every organization is to fill out "Your Evangelistic Potential" score sheet. This includes every Sunday School Department, Nursery to Senior. Every organized young people's or adult Classes, Every women's Circle, groups or fellowships, young peoples fellowships or groups, choirs, Men's clubs, prayer groups and social group. These are to be given to our guest leader on his arrival and should be ready by Sunday, January 17th.

On Friday evening, January 22 at 7:30 P.M. all leaders and officers of the church organizations are to be at the Church for Self-study.

Project Two — Religious Census

Sunday, January 24th 10:30 A.M. The preacher will be our guest leader.

11:50 A.M. Luncheon—Census takers are to bring lunch in sack.

Church will furnish coffee.

12:30 P.M. Census will begin under leadership of Bret R. Young and William H. Crouse and their Captains.

Project Three — Fellowship Cultivation

- a. On Tuesday night, January 26th at 7:30 P.M. for Fellowship Cultivation
- b. Wednesday night. Fellowship Visitation 7:00 P.M.

Project Four — Program Enlargement

Thursday, 7:30 P.M. Program enlargement and inspirational meeting.

Grand Opening for an enlarged program of evangelism and Christian Education. **Every Member** of First Christian Church should be praying and be in readiness to cooperate in this great program.

Every Officer of every Organization in the Church should hold these dates open. The Hour Has Come!

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CHURCH CABINET

The Minister, the Executive officers, and Heads of the Departments will form the Church Cabinet which will meet at least a week prior to the monthly Board meeting.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Women's Fellowship meeting will be held on next Tuesday evening, January 19 at 8:00 o'clock. Executive meeting at 7:15 P.M. The Fellowship Guild is in charge of worship. A Playlet will be presented. Esther Circle is in charge of hospitality and the Gish Circle will serve the refreshments.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers last Sunday were the gift of Mrs. F. W. Edgerton in memory of her husband.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mr. Clair Buskirk in the recent loss of his father. Also, to Mrs. Joseph Clevenger in the death of her brother on Christmas Day at Ligonier. Our sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien in the very recent loss of a nephew, Mr. Wayne Young who lived at Plymouth, Indiana.

NOTES

Junior High School Basketball practice is held each Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Mr. Eddleman urges all boys of Junior High age to attend.

Mr. Donald W. Miller is a patient in the Hospital.

Mr. Calvin H. Bishop suffered an accident and has been confined to his home at 328 W. DeWald.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Whinery in the recent birth of their first grandson.

Co-Chairman Couples for 1954

Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Stevenson, Co-Chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Kern, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Heckler, and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Whinery.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR WILL?

A will is a private law, honored by the State, to protect personal desires and intentions beyond this life.

The man or woman who has made a will is continuing to be a faithful steward of his possessions.

Have you made your will?

Of course, you should make provision for the payment of your obligations and your funeral expenses. There should also be some provision for your family or other dependents.

You should also provide something for your church. During your lifetime, you loved and supported your church. Your church ministers to you all through the varied experiences of your life, from the cradle roll to the grave. The church will be a comfort and a strength to your loved ones when you are gone. The church will have part in the loving service honoring your memory.

So why not have the satisfaction and contentment now of knowing that you are making some wise provision for the future of your church.

A bequest need not be large to be gracious and helpful. Ten dollars is not too little and a million dollars is not too much.

Several of our members have provided a gift for the church through the writing of a will.

You, too, should make such a provision. Or you might wish to leave some property or some bonds or stock to the church. But you should definitely remember your church in your will. Talk it over with your pastor or some member of the Trustees Board.



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TEN YEAR'S LOOK AHEAD

First Christian Church, "The Family Church", is a "tomorrow church". I dare the prediction ten years from today, First Christian will be far more than it is now, one of America's Greatest Churches—Not in fifty years, mind you, but in ten years.

Life moves in cycles—ups and downs—both with individuals and institutions.

Consider the last ten years—almost 900 new members—the move from a church that cost originally \$18,000, sold and with immediate gifts and sales, including the Lehneke estate, totaling around \$116,000 to a half million dollar plant on a whole city block. The yearly giving of our congregation increased between seven and eight times!

Now look at our city. The city's economic future is assured. Over thirty million dollars will be spent in Fort Wayne in the next few years on public and industrial improvements alone. People want to move into Fort Wayne and are moving in, not away from Fort Wayne. By the close of next ten years our membership of First Christian should have expanded to something from 2500 to 4000 members.

Think of the wonderful organizations in our church and the leadership. Tomorrow is full of promise. But tomorrow has deep rooting in Today. Now is the time to see our Evangelistic potential. Let us enter, every one, heartily into the National Christian Teaching Mission. Today, this hour, we determine Tomorrow's Church.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Excellent Crowd Last Sunday—Great Music.

Tower Bells and Organ Prelude—10:15.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist.

Mrs. James C. Bartholomew, Director of Music.

Sermon:

Rev. Herman M. Patton, Guest Preacher,
Wilmington, Ohio

Junior Choir
Sanctuary Choir

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The Church School meets at 9:30 each Sunday morning. All age levels are provided for and capable leaders staff our Classes and Departments.



Parker Rowe

Fraternal Worker Goes to Greece

Parker Rowe, a graduate student in agricultural extension at the University of Missouri and member of the student fellowship at First Christian Church, Columbia, Mo., expects to go to Greece early in February as a fraternal worker. He will succeed Jimmy Gribble on the Inter-Church Service team which works in Greek villages under the World Council of Churches.

Supported by Week of Compassion funds and sponsored by the department of social welfare of the United Christian Missionary Society, Mr. Rowe will help village people with farm rehabilitation. He expects to spend a year or more in Greece, living on a subsistence basis.

James H. Behler Joins Society Staff

James H. Behler of Kingfisher, Okla., will join the staff of the United Chris-

tian Missionary Society on February 1. He has been called to the position of national director of field administration in the department of institutional missions. This department, headed by Mrs. Alice G. Buckner, is responsible for six home missions institutions, All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center, Jarvis Christian College, Mexican Christian Institute, Hazel Green Academy, Yakima Indian Christian Mission and Southern Christian Institute.

A graduate of Phillips University, Enid, Okla., Mr. Behler has been pastor of the Christian church at Kingfisher for the past two years. He was Kansas State Evangelist from 1946 to 1948, and has served churches in Kansas.

Mr. Behler's son, George, is now in Phillips, preparing for missionary service abroad under the United Society.

Adult Groups Study Church's World Task

The "Life and Task of the Church Around the World" is the mission study theme of the current year. In several thousand churches across the brotherhood, groups of men and women are considering this broad theme in monthly meetings between January and June. To guide the study, the missionary education department of the United Christian Missionary Society has produced a packet of six programs entitled, "O Living Church, Thine Errand Speed."

An introductory statement opens the program series with this word to the study leader, "We are going to stand aside and watch ourselves go by as Christians—as members of a worldwide church."

Summer Conferences In Japan Attended By 200 Schoolboys

Summer youth conferences similar to those sponsored in the United States by the United Christian Missionary Society, are offered to boys in Japan. Three such conferences were held in the summer of 1953, under direction of the *Sei Gakuin*, mission boys' school in Tokyo.

Mr. Iwao Hatanaka, principal of the school, writes that more boys attended last year than in any previous summer. He cited this as a result of growing Christian activity in the boys' school.

Held at Nikko and Nojiri, two beautiful summer resorts about 100 miles from the city of Tokyo, the conferences offered the boys an outdoor camping experience as well as classes led by

young church workers and school faculty members. The groups were divided by age levels, with first year students, junior high and senior high boys attending separate conferences.

The Margaret K. Long Girls' School in Tokyo offered a summer conference for girls on camp grounds at Zaruizawa.

Japanese Students Seek U. S. Pen Pals

Japanese students between the ages of 14 and 17, who are studying English in the mission schools in Tokyo, would like to write to boys and girls of this age in the United States. American teen age youth who are interested should send names and addresses to Mrs. Ralph Palmer, Interboard House, 4 of 12 Shiba Koen, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

Japanese boys at summer conference in 1953 gather in their cabin at the Nojiri camp.



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REV. HERMAN M. PATTON

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN TEACHING MISSION

FRIDAY—7:30 EVALUATION
OFFICERS, TEACHERS, Etc.

SUNDAY—10:30 GUEST LEADER
12:30—CENSUS

MONDAY—7:30 CALL BACKS
SORTING

TUESDAY—7:30 FELLOWSHIP
PARTICIPATION

WEDNESDAY, FIRST VISITATION
7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY—7:30 P.M.
GRAND FINALE

EVERY MEMBER PRESENT

C.Y.F. SUNDAY NIGHT — 6:30 P.M.

The Rev. Mr. Herman Patton, our guest leader in the National Teaching Mission will speak on "What Mean Those Names."

YOUNG ADULTS

Dr. Elton Trueblood's book, "Alternative to Futility" will be the basis for discussion next Sunday night at the Church at 6:30. Lunch and fellowship hour will be held at Mr. Talbott's home following.

YOUTH BANQUET

The Annual Youth Banquet including all high School and Junior High School Young People will be held on Sunday Night, January 31, at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Mr. Herbert C. Banet, Basketball Coach at Central High School and member of our Church will be the guest speaker. Mr. Robert E. Coherille will be the leader of the group singing and musical entertainment period.

Tickets are 50c and are now on sale by members of the CYF and leaders for our Chi Rho Fellowship.

NOTES

The Christian Women's Fellowship wish to express their appreciation and thanks for the gift of a silver tray given in memory of Mrs. Amy Shawhan by members of the Ladies Bible Class, other Church friends and neighbors.

LADIES—We have a stack of pie tins and other useful utensils, which were generously filled and brought to the Church at one time or another, but the tins and utensils have been left in the Church kitchen. If you have missed your favorite pie tin or baking dish, please stop in the kitchen the next time you are at church, perhaps you will find it. Thank you.

Christian Women's Fellowship House Committee.

Mrs. Beck, our minister's wife, has gone to New Haven, Conn., where her father, Mr. Bromley is quite ill.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Irene Cline has been confined to her home by illness for several weeks. We wish for her a speedy recovery.



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"SEE YOU AT CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY"

SUNDAY FOR THE CHURCH in every church member's program. Will Christian people ever get it into their "noggins" that the vitality of the Church is measured by those outside the Church, by the number of its members who regularly, on Sunday, "Go up to the House of the Lord"? Yes, it is an unescapable fact that thousands of unchurched so judge the power of the Church.

And we must also add that the interest of Christian folk in the Christian program is conditioned upon their Church attendance. Now there are in every Church constants, regulars, dependables in all weathers. In our church, there are an unusual number — a few hundred upon whose presence you can count. Why? Is it because of better health? No — Their freedoms from business exactions, household duties? No — Their proximity to the church? No — As I see then, in outward circumstances, they differ not one whit from those who come semi-monthly, semi-quarterly, etc. What these "regulars" **do**, in all charity, I can't but feel the irregulars **could do** if only they willed it so.

An "I'll see you in Church next Sunday" would make these past Christian Mission days what days ought to be, dew fresh and morning glad.

"I'll see you in Church next Sunday".

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Tower Bells and Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Mrs. James C. Bartholomew, Director of Music

Anthem: "Beautiful Saviour"

Christiansen—High School Choir

Miss Alice Richard, Alto Solo

Anthem: "The Heavens Are Telling" Haydn

SERMON: Escaping Wrecks and Losses"

Preacher, Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

We urge parents to enroll their children in the Church School immediately. Our attractive classes for children, young people, and adults have as their purpose the study of the Bible and it's application for living.

SUNDAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY



Personal evangelism is resulting in many conversions in India. Franklin White, United Society missionary, talks with inquirers about what it means to be a Christian in West Utkal, India.

New Book Tells of Cooperative Work On Mission Fields

The value of cooperative, organized mission work is set forth in a fascinating new book, *This Is Missions*, by A. Dale Fiers, president of the United Christian Missionary Society. The book tells the day-by-day story of Dr. Fiers' visit to mission stations in Africa, India, Thailand and Japan in 1952 and 1953.

On his tour, the Society president joined in the work of missionary evangelists like Franklin White, who is shown above at work in India. Dr. Fiers helped to baptize a number of new converts while in Africa. He went with mission nurses and doctors on their daily rounds in hospitals and clinics. He watched mission teachers at their work in schools and farm demonstra-

tion centers which are conducted by Disciples of Christ missions.

This Is Missions is so readable that it gives the reader a feeling of being along on the journey. The book also leaves the reader with a sense of the soundness of cooperative brotherhood work. The Christian Board of Publication in St. Louis, Mo., brought the book out in December.

National Youth Week Opens January 31

Young people in churches and church-sponsored organizations observe National Youth Week each year, starting the last Sunday in January. Disciples of Christ youth in Chi Rho Fellowships and Christian Youth Fellowships take part in this observance. The special week has been sponsored for eleven years by the United Christian Youth Movement to stimulate the interest of young people in the church.

1953 Yearbook Comes From Press

The 1953 Yearbook of Disciples of Christ came from the press late in January. Copies are being distributed now, to church libraries, ministers, colleges, seminaries and agencies of the brotherhood on order. The International Convention of Disciples of Christ handles the annual task of compiling and publishing this comprehensive body of information about the brotherhood.

As a means of informing young ministers on important statistics of the Disciples, or Christian churches, the Convention office gives more than 100 copies of the Yearbook to senior and graduate ministerial students each year. A special student rate is offered to undergraduate ministerial students.

Around 5,000 copies of the Yearbook were distributed last year and an increase in total orders is expected on the current book. An improved feature in the 1953 Yearbook, according to Robert Lewis, assistant secretary of the Convention, is a list of 100 questions and answers on churches, agencies and general facts about brotherhood life. This section of the Yearbook, Mr. Lewis declares, could be the basis of an interesting program for a meeting of youth or adults in the churches.

Thomas P. Inabinett New National Worker

Thomas P. Inabinett, of Wilson, N.C., has joined the staff of the United Christian Missionary Society, following C. Richard Dawson, who resigned to enter Boston University.

As national director of audio-visual education, Mr. Inabinett will conduct workshops for training church leaders

in use of films and audio-visual equipment. He will assist with production of audio-visuals and supervision of the United Society's film library of some 600 subjects.

Mr. Inabinett has been director of religious education in North and South Carolina for the past seven years. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago Divinity School.

James A. Crain To Retire June 30 From National Post

A man who has given a quarter-century of his life to national brotherhood work will come to age retirement at the close of the current missionary year. He is James A. Crain, executive secretary of the United Society's department of social welfare.



Fidel Reyes of Kansas City, Mo. (left), and D. Wright Lunsford, Wichita, Kans., greet James A. Crain at a meeting of the Board.

In November, when the United Society's Board of Managers met in Indianapolis, a dinner was held in Dr. Crain's honor. Letters from 500 of his friends were put into a book and presented to him with appreciation for his service.

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The Annual Youth Banquet will be held at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Mr. Herbert C. Banet is the guest speaker. Mr. Robert Cocherille will lead in the group singing. Tickets are 50c.

YOUNG ADULTS — 6:30 P.M.

The young adults will meet for a lunch at 6:30 next Sunday night. Two travelogues will be shown. A bowling party will follow.

WORKER'S CONFERENCE

All teachers of Adult classes, and officers of adult classes; all department supervisors and Church School teachers will meet for the second Worker's Conference of the year next Monday night, February 1 at 7:30 in Fellowship Hall. 100% attendance desired.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Irene Kissinger, 1007 Northwood on Friday, February 5 at 8 P.M. Mrs. Lillian Gagnon will assist the hostess.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, 926 W. Wildwood, Wednesday, February 3, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. C. R. McMaken will have devotions, Mrs. E. T. Fusselman has the program.

The Paul Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Paul Truby, 440 Englewood Court on Thursday, February 4 at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Clay Orchard will give devotions, Mrs. Joseph Siples is in charge of the program.

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. W. H. Imbody, 441 Buchanan St., Wednesday, February 3, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Dale Hiler in charge of program, Mrs. Eural Rose will give devotions.

NOTES

Mr. Eppie R. Baker is a patient in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Room 421, following a heart attack.

The Jack Garrett's baby is doing nicely.

Mr. Donald W. Miller has returned home, 3629 E. Pontiac Street.

Daughter of Donald L. Miller has had her tonsils removed.

We wish to extend sincere sympathy to John Jefferies in the recent loss of his father, Claud Jefferies. Our pastor officiated at the services.

Those who have not brought in their envelopes for National Christian Teaching Mission may do so this next Sunday.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members who have come into our Church Family:

Mrs. Henry Vernard, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin H. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. John Hechler, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Whinery, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Uhl, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Olsen, Rev. John R. Talbott, Mrs. Fred Moore, Miss Betty Moore, Mrs. Gerald B. Elser, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Betz, Mrs. Loraine Brubaker, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Smith, Miss Ailene Kingsbury, Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Carr, Larry Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Marks.

SUNDAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY



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ORGANIZING THE CHURCH FOR EVANGELISM

Never in the history of Christendom has there been a greater need for a spiritual awakening than today. Never has there been so imperative a demand for Christian men and for Christian solutions in personal and social problems.

Once in a long time a powerful force becomes available while at the same moment some method is found to transform that power into useful service. At the turn of the twentieth century there was such a coincidence. Oil in substantial quantities was discovered. At just about the same time the internal combustion engine, which is the powerhouse of the automobile and airplane was invented. Either oil or engines without the other would have been practically useless.

God is always ready for a revival of religion. The hindrances to spiritual awakening are with men, either in the lack of passion for souls or because they have no adequate method of harnessing the winds of the spirit.

Family visitation evangelism is a new method, but it is not a new invention. It is the rediscovery of a procedure over nineteen hundred years old. It is an adaptation of the way instituted by Jesus for the conversion of men.

Jesus' method in evangelism is being reborn in our generation. And where pastors and laymen use it, they see literally thousands upon thousands of new converts, as well as people renewing their loyalty as active members. —Copied

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Tower Bells and Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Mrs. James C. Bartholomew, Director of Music

Solo: "God My Shephard

Bach-Dickinson

Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Soloist

Anthem: "Now Sing We Thy Praise"

Tschesnokoff-Cain

Preacher: Our Pastor

Sermon: "Does God Have Time For Us"

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

YOUR CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. Two high Sundays in attendance were January 10—314; January 31—293. We encourage the following habits BE REGULAR, BE ON TIME; (9:30) INVITE OTHERS TO COME WITH YOU.

Our teachers and workers are spending much time in preparation to make Sunday morning a happy one in teaching and fellowship.

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Week of Compassion

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Never in the history of Christianity has there been a more glorious time for the Church than now.

ORGANIZING THE CHURCH

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And I think that the committee in other states

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Grand Prairie and Fort Worth, Tex.

Mineral Wells, Tex., Tacoma, Wash.,
St. Albans, Vt., and South Carolina.

Top View

Symbols of the world mission—the Cross, the

staff and sends of those who go out to preach.



Scores of our church members will visit these people in February.

United Society
The Young Men's Society will meet Sunday evening at 8 p.m. at the church.

Workers Cited for
The church members who have given five dollars or more to the church during the year 1951.

Disciples to Attend
The church members who have given five dollars or more to the church during the year 1951.

Churchmen's Seminar
The church members who have given five dollars or more to the church during the year 1951.

In Washington, D.C.
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Mr. and Mrs. Fay E. Livengood (left) and Dr. Hope Nicholson examine their gold pins.

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YOUNG ADULTS — 18 PLUS

Our Young Adults ages, 18 plus, meet every Sunday morning at 9:30. Mr. Jack E. Weicker is the teacher.

NEXT SUNDY, at 6:30 this group and friends will have a Waffle Supper in Fellowship Hall. MR. JAMES SHOCKNEY will entertain with "Chalk Talks." W. M. WHINERY will speak on "Religion In My Profession." Invite your friends.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG PEOPLE

A unique program for School Young People Sunday night—6:30. "The Other Guy and Me" will be the theme of the evening carried out in the recreation, discussion and worship. Bring sandwiches or potato chips for the refreshment period which will conclude the evening.

THANKS FOR BIG YOUTH BANQUET

A word of "thanks" is expressed to Mrs. Owen Vaught, her committee, waitresses, counselors, young people, and all who participated in Youth banquet. Tuesday, February 9 at 7:30 P.M. Departments will meet for plans.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

February 7	Dr. A. C. Worley,	Dale Parkerson
February 14	John Z. Berlien	Preston Somers
February 21	Gail J. Roe,	Harold W. Crowder
February 28	James R. Shockney,	Floyd E. Morrical

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Allen Garee, Captain; Donald E. Coffman, Romane Cole, Chester Follis, M. G. Heller, Clayton Yoquelet, Roland Ripple, Wm. E. Tracey, Marvin L. Crouse, Powell Rayburn, Bret R. Young, Delmas Young, Maro A. Bolinger.

If unable to serve please be sure to call your Captains.

OFFICIAL BOARD

Tuesday, February 9 at 7:30 P.M. Departments will meet following the Board meeting.

NOTES

C.W.F. Rummage Sale, April 27.

Rev. A. P. Wilson, former pastor here (25 years ago), completes fifty years in the Ministry on February 7th. Rev. Mr. Wilson is located at Collierville, Tenn. Chancel Flowers next Sunday are the gift of Mrs. Mary Barnett in memory of her son, Ralph T. Barnett.

Powell Rayburn has been sick with influenza.

Our pastor's wife is in New Haven, Connecticut. Mrs. Beck's father had to undergo a second surgical operation. He is reported to be doing very favorably.

Wedding Bells. Rang for Robert E. Munson and Wanda M. Penrod. They were united in marriage last Saturday in the Chapel. Mr. Munson is the son of Alfred Munson and the nephew of Grant Munson, former Trustee of this Church.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Esther Circle meets with Mrs. C. D. Palmer, 2625 N. Wells St., for a carry-in dinner at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, Feb. 8. Program follows dinner.

The Fellowship Guild meets with Mrs. S. E. Merriman, 2821 S. Anthony on Monday evening, February 8th at 8 P.M.

The Montgomery Circle meets with Mrs. Robert Boner, 4804 Reed St., Tuesday evening, Feb. 9th, 7:30 P.M. Miss Ruth Burris and Mrs. Chester Follis, co-hostesses.

The Higdon Circle meets with Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey, 804 Colerick St., Monday Feb. 8 at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Howard Wise will give program; Mrs. Irene Cline, the devotions.

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ORCHIDS

Congratulations to those who made our youth Sunday such a success. Around 80 were at the Youth Banquet Sunday evening.

CHRISTIAN TEACHING MISSION GREAT SUCCESS

40 Churches of Fort Wayne co-operated in Census and Teaching Mission. First Church has hundreds who gave the First Christian Church as their preference. Scores of our church members will visit these people in February.



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CRIME PREVENTION

For every dollar spent for the Church \$10 is being spent on crime. For every dollar spent for the schools of our country nearly \$2 is being spent on crime. An article appeared in Time Magazine, we were told, which pointed out that there had been 33% increase in crime over 1937.

Criminals are those who slip out of responsibility of duty, and, without regard to the rights of others, attempt to get theirs.

A cartoon in a paper showed farmers laughing at men who could not catch a greased pig. There was nothing to get hold of. A man back from Europe said he found small conscience to get hold of. A man working with criminals said in so many instances there was no soul to lay hold of. Often we try to get someone to join church. And there was just nothing to grasp. By endeavoring to induce men, women or youth to do the right thing, our arguments fall dead. Nothing to hold on to. Frankly are you slippery? Do you slide out of every duty? Are you a spiritual eel? Is your soul dead? Is your conscience greased? Do you have these characteristics of criminals, greasy, slippery? Test yourself by Christ, by the Bible.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Tower Bells and Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M.	Anthem: "Prayer" from Hansel and
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist	Gretel," Humperdinck
Mrs. James C. Bartholomew, Director of Music	Junior Choir
Anthem: "He, Watching Over Israel," Mendelssohn	
Sermon: "What Has Your Job Done To You?"	Preacher—Our Pastor

Race Relations Sunday Observed February 14

Every year, on the second Sunday in February, Race Relations Sunday is observed in most of the churches which cooperate in the National Council of Churches. This year's theme for the day is "for . . . Healing of the Nations."

A message from the department of racial and cultural relations of the National Council of Churches sets forth the idea that "Christianity, a force 'for the healing of the nations' is the way by which people can live together in justice and goodwill." Practical suggestions for individuals and churches are offered with the message as a means of creating more understanding and co-operation between races and nations of the world.

Materials for use on Race Relations Sunday have been sent to all churches of the Disciples of Christ (Christian Churches). These materials have been supplied as a special service to the brotherhood by the department of social welfare of the United Christian Missionary Society. Bible stories and references for use by children's groups have been added to Race Relations materials this year.

Missionary Doctor Also an Architect

One day at the Missions Building in Indianapolis, headquarters of the United Christian Missionary Society, Dr. John Ross was discovered drawing plans for a hospital building. Dr. Ross is a medical missionary to the Belgian Congo. Questioned about his "architect's drawings" he replied that these were plans for a new maternity ward for the hospital at Lotumbe.



Dr. John Ross draws plans for
Congo hospital.

Now in the United States on regular furlough, Dr. Ross and his family expect to return to Lotumbe later this year. Lotumbe is one of the nine mission stations sponsored by the United Society in the Congo. At this hospital, nearly 200,000 medical treatments were given last year.

India Missionary Reports "Busiest Year"

Mrs. Mary Pollard wrote recently from her post at Takhatpur, M.P., India that "this has been one of the busiest years I've ever had in my life." Among the events she listed were moving the boys' mission school into new quarters, settling into a new mission bungalow, starting a new mission boarding home for girls and the beginning of a six-acre farm development program under Disciples of Christ Mission sponsorship. The public opening of the farm center was held in December, with several hundred villagers and local government representatives present.

Week of Compassion Provides Refugees More Than Relief

Spiritual help is as important as relief supplies sent to needy persons in other countries by American Protestant groups, according to a director of the United Nations Korean Relief Administration.

Speaking to a committee of the World Council of Churches department of inter-church aid, the official declared, "The most important problem in Korean reconstruction is the human problem. Direct friendship and inspiration of Koreans and from Koreans are things which bureaucratic organizations find difficult to tackle."

The efforts of church groups through the World Council of Churches, the UN representative said "can make a very real contribution to the spiritual life of Korea." He pointed out that fraternal church workers going to needy areas show that the world does care, and added that the churches are permanent, whereas the United Nations Korean Relief Administration will finish its emergency job and move out.

Fraternal workers and material aid sent abroad by Christian churches (Disciples of Christ) are made possible with funds given through the Week of Compassion, this year observed February 21-28.

Church in Paraguay Increases Six-Fold

The first church to be established by the Disciples of Christ Paraguay Mission was on Peru Street in the city of Asuncion. For many years the little church served only a handful of mission workers and hardy Paraguayans who braved the ridicule and intolerance

of their friends and families by becoming Protestants.

Last November, it seemed the time had come to establish another mission group at Barrio Colon as a second, full-fledged church. Some persons worried that the Peru Street church might "crumble into dust" when it was divided to help form the new congregation. Nothing of the sort happened, according to Mrs. Byron Spice, one of the United Society missionaries now serving in Paraguay. Instead of the 60 attending at Peru Street church, Mrs. Spice reports, "our church ministered to around 350 persons that first Sunday." She included in this number, the people attending worship and Sunday school at a third outpost, Friendship Mission, which opened last fall in a poverty stricken section of Asuncion.

Mexican rural pastor, Donaciano Alvarez with his children at their home. Evangelists such as this man are being guided in their work through institutes led by the department of evangelism of the Association of Christian Churches in Mexico.



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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

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HIGH SCHOOL VALENTINE PARTY

The High School Youth Fellowship will carry out the Valentine theme in its program this-Sunday evening at 6:30. All young people of High School age are invited.

OLDER YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUNG ADULTS

Continuing the series of programs, "Religion In My Profession" Mr. Grayston Cripe will discuss with this group, "Religion in the Field of Industrial Management" Sunday night at 6:30 in the Ladies Parlor. Miss Barbara Allen and Miss Carol Truby will be in charge of the social program.

MEN'S FORUM

5 to 7 P.M.

Mr. Maffi-Dodds from Argentina associated with The Indiana Technical College of Fort Wayne will be the guest speaker on Sunday evening at the Forum meeting. The Triple Trio from North Side High School under the direction of Mr. Raymond Beights will bring special music. Members of the Triple Trio are: Barrie Delp, Randy Bangor, Phil Hosler, David Bleeke, Bill Lee, Jim Pierce, Larry Wible, Ron Trowbridge, Mike Popp. The Food committee are: Bret Young, Powell Rayburn, Eural Rose, and John Craig.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Executive meeting will be held at 1:15 P.M. Tuesday, February 16. The General Meeting at 2:00 o'clock. The title of the program, "Christian Women, Citizen Alert!" a playlet with Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Mrs. A. Howard Wise, Mrs. E. T. Fusselman and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist. Mrs. Fred Wilson will have devotions and Mrs. J. C. Bartholomew will bring special music. Dr. Dye Circle is in charge of hospitality and the McGavran Circle will serve the refreshments. The Colonial Tea theme will be carried out.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Come-Double Class party will be held in the Church Gym on Saturday night, February 13 at 7:30 P.M. Members are bringing dessert which will be exchanged. Games, Volleyball, shuffleboard, table tennis, etc., will be enjoyed.

AMONG OUR SICK

Miss Lucille McCarty is a patient in room 226 Lutheran Hospital.



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"God Hates A Quitter" was the subject of a sermon by a preacher friend. He took for his text Paul's words, "Demas Hath Forsaken Me." Paul missed the help of his friend and fellow-worker. His task was made heavier by desertion. Don't let your Church and the Church worker down. God hates a quitter. Everyone does.

Think for a moment—"Christ gave His life for you." WHAT ARE YOU GIVING FOR HIM? "Business as Usual", "Pleasure as Usual". Now what do you think of that? How can you? Do you X Christ out of your time? How can you?

And yet what a blessed opportunity each Sunday. Our sons and daughters, in church, make and meet friends! Will you make light of this? And about our Lord's Table?

Joy of crowds—the joy of fellowship! Be present and helpful. Attend worship — Let go of resistance! And really pray — worship and find joy, peace of mind and strength and inspiration next Sunday.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

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Sermon: "The Hell and Heaven in Life"

Solo: "Come Ye Blessed"

Mr. Robert E. Cocherille

Anthem: "Cherubim Song"
Bortniansky

Preacher—Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Your Church School provides classes for every age. We cordially invite you to attend these interesting Sunday morning Classes.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

The High School Youth Fellowship will meet next Sunday evening at 6:30 for an interesting program of worship, fellowship and recreation. All young people of High School age are invited. Subject "Parents Are People."

Feb. 28—"Night for Parents."



The needs of 300,000 refugees in Hong Kong are poignantly set forth in one tiny child.

When I am aware, I know

Compassion is more than sympathy
Or even falling tears.
Others know it when a child is ill.
Pastors know it when the flock's in need.
A reaching out with heart and soul . . .
Seeking and asking . . . and believing.
Searching and finding the silver cord
Inside one's heart—all humanity is
One in Christ! My neighbors'
Need must then be mine! I give!

When I am aware, I know Compassion!

—SALLY SPENCER LINDSAY

Week of Compassion Observed Feb. 21-28

Each year, churches of the Disciples of Christ set aside a time for sharing with needy peoples of the world, providing special services not otherwise offered through brotherhood channels. Known as the Week of Compassion, this year's observance centers about the theme, "Sharing Means Life."

Relief and reconstruction work done through the Church World Service department of the National Council of Churches; services to military and industrial defense communities in America; pensions for Disciples of Christ chaplains; ecumenical fellowship and service through the World Council of Churches are the particular services to be rendered through the 1954 Week of Compassion.

Congolese Boy Changes Views at Mission School

Mrs. Donald Baker, one of the missionaries, tells of an experience with one of the teen age boys at the Mondombe Mission in the Congo. "How would you explain to a 15-year-old boy why you like flowers?" she writes, and goes on to explain that this boy has been helping the missionaries plant flowers on the mission grounds. The boy asked Mrs. Baker, "Please tell me again why you like flowers. I haven't yet understood."

Remembering some really beautiful bouquets which this boy had arranged for the house during the past year, Mrs. Baker exclaimed, "You must like flowers yourself or you couldn't make these beautiful bouquets!" The boy replied, "Since I've lived at the Mission I've learned to appreciate flowers, but I didn't before I came here."

This boy came to the Disciples of Christ Mission school five years ago from one of the most barren, backward villages, Mrs. Baker relates. He was dirty, undisciplined and unreliable. Now, he is clean, dependable in his work and is doing well in school. "Perhaps," she comments, "perhaps the flowers are just a symbol of many things."

Youth Mexico Tour Set for Summer, 1954

The Christian Youth Fellowship summer tour of mission centers in Mexico is becoming an annual event. Started in 1952, the tour for young people in churches of Disciples of Christ is sponsored by the youth work office of the United Christian Missionary Society.

Charles Mills, national director of youth missionary activities will again conduct the tour. He has announced that the trip itinerary will include visits to Mexican Christian Institute, the home missions community center in San Antonio, Tex. In old Mexico, the group will see mission work in the states of Aguascalientes, San Luis Potosi and Zacatecas. Union church work in Mexico City will also be observed.

Scheduled to begin with a visit to

the Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, Mo., on June 23, the tour will close July 15 in that city. Mrs. George Oliver Taylor of Indianapolis will be tour mother again this year.

Allen Huber Library Serves Filipino Leaders

A library of nearly 400 volumes, chiefly religious books, is operated by the Disciples of Christ Mission office in Manila, the Philippines. Used by pastors and lay leaders in churches of the Manila area, the collection was started by Allen Huber, former missionary to the Philippines.

Out of their "tremendous love for the Hubers," one mission worker explains, "the church people have named it the Allen R. Huber Memorial Library."

Miss Catalina J. Buenviaje checks out books in the Huber Memorial Library, Manila, P. I., to pastors, Aurelio de Castro, Loreto Saysay, Catalino Laysico and elder, Emiliana Quijano.



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SANCTUARY CHOIR

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSE—7:30 - 9:30 P.M. Thursdays. Beginning special instruction in musical notation, note reading, etc. The choir is now rehearsing Lent and Easter music. New members welcomed.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY

The Progressive Class are having a "hard-time" party and carry-in dinner on Saturday evening, February 20 at 6:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.

WEEK OF COMPASSION OBSERVED FEB. 21-28

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Services are held each year throughout the world on the first Friday in Lent under the sponsorship of United Church Women of the National Council of Churches, with which our local Fort Wayne Council of Church Women is affiliated.

Theme: "That They May Have Life"; Time: Friday, March 5, 2 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Place: Plymouth Congregational Church, 510 W. Berry St.

AMONG OUR SICK

James Hirschy is a patient in Parkview Hospital, Room 421.

Mrs. Edith Darby underwent surgery this week at Lutheran Hospital, Room 207.

Jane Weicker has been ill at her home.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Aden Current and her family in the recent loss of her father, Mr. Fred Parker.

THE SINGING WELSH ARE COMING! !

Saturday, March 13

The Annual Welsh dinner will be held in our Church this year. Until you hear Welsh people sing you have something fine to experience. The Welsh have opened their dinner to the rest of us. See Edward Ashton or Charles Fuchshuber for tickets.

CABINET MEETING

The Church Cabinet will meet on Monday evening, February 22 at 7:30 in Fellowship Hall.

NOTES

A baby boy was born at Parkview Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Wasson. Phillip Allen is the new baby's name.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan C. Bell are the proud parents of a new little baby girl. The Bells live at 1202 No. Morrison, Kokomo, Ind. Friends in First Christian wish them and their new little girl much happiness.



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EXCITING

Some uninformed people seem to have the opinion that the Church is dull — A really smart man said this, "To me the Church is the most exciting place in town. The architecture lifts me toward heaven; the windows, full of color, speak of the highest motives, the organ music surpasses every other type and the sacred music of the choir is far above any other; the baptismal pool and communion table thrill me; the anthems and hymns awaken my spirit; even in the dulllest sermon, I find holy truth and teaching about life here and hereafter; and above all and undergirding all is the high spiritual teaching that I may live forever; to me Church is exciting; it makes me live more fully."

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Tower Bells and Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Mrs. J. C. Bartholomew, Director of Music

Sermon: "The Way Jesus Prayed"

Solo: "The Twenty Third Psalm"

Malotte — Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Soloist

Anthem: "Hallelujah, Amen" Handel

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The Church School meets every Sunday morning at 9:30. We urge members of our church to be enrolled in the class or department designed for their age and interest.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS TO MEET NEXT MONDAY — MARCH 1, 1954 — 7:30 P.M.

All Church School teachers through Junior High classes will meet in the High School room for a thirty minute session followed by department lesson planning sessions.

All teachers of adult classes will meet in Fellowship Hall. Mr. Maxwell Smith, teacher of the Young married Class will give a preview of the International Uniform lessons for the month of March.

HIGH SCHOOL C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

THE CYF will have a "Night for Parents" next Sunday beginning with a pitch-in-supper at 6:30. Families are to bring a covered dish and own table service. A brief program around the tables and a chapel worship service will follow. There will be recreation in the gym.



Commissioning of the first missionaries to be sent overseas by the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. At right are Mr. and Mrs. Jose Estoye who will serve in Thailand Mission.

Philippine Churches Commission First Overseas Missionaries

A new missionary couple, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Estoye, recently arrived in Thailand to work with Disciples of Christ missionaries at Nakon Pathom. These young people were commissioned by the United Church of Christ in the Philippines on August 30, 1953. With another couple, they are the first overseas missionaries to be sent out by the Philippine churches.

The coming of Mr. and Mrs. Estoye to Thailand was hailed by the Disciple workers, Mr. and Mrs. George Cherryhomes and Mrs. Edna Gish, as "one of the most thrilling aspects of the work of this mission." This was not only because the Thailand Mission is growing and needing more workers, but also be-

cause the sending of missionaries by the churches of the Philippines marks a new day in Christian work. The Filipino missionaries are the first to be sent out by any of the Protestant churches in what have been known as mission fields. Christian workers at home and abroad see this as an indication of maturing younger churches.

Church Women Sponsor World Day of Prayer

Thousands of women in Christian churches around the world unite in prayer on the first Friday in Lent. The World Day of Prayer, on March 5 this year, is centered about the theme, "That they may have life." Offerings taken in the United States will help to support projects in home and foreign missions.

Christian Men's Fellowships Support Service Projects

There is an increasing interest among laymen's groups in churches of the brotherhood in carrying out projects of service to their churches and foreign missions. The C.M.F. (Christian Men's Fellowship) of First church, Modesto, Calif., made a map of its city, using colored pins to designate location of active, inactive and prospective members. The map is being used in membership visitation. A religious census was taken by the men's group at Macclesfield, N. C.

The men of First church, Harrisonville, Mo., pledged an amount toward a college scholarship for a local girl. The C.M.F. of Hyde Park church, Austin, Texas, sent 140 pounds of tools and hardware to Africa with one of the missionaries, Joe Whitmer, to aid in building work in the Congo. They also

sent with Mr. Whitmer a shipment of shirts for students in one of the Congo Mission schools.

Several laymen's groups report to the department of men's work of the United Society that they are arranging mission study programs.

Children's Work Corners Set Up in State Offices

Several state and district children's workers report to the religious education department of the United Society that they have set up "children's work corners" in their homes. Mrs. F. S. Jacobs (Michigan), Mrs. Lillian Sherman (Virginia) and Mrs. Ernest Baker (Illinois) are among those who have arranged worship centers, pictures and collections of children's books along with their office files. The plan is to give inspiration as well as order and efficiency to their work with children in the churches.

Worship center and children's work corner arranged by Mrs. F. S. Jacobs, Lansing, Mich.



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OLDER YOUNG PEOPLE — Young Adults

This group will meet at the home of Miss Shirley Johnson, 910 Wilt Street for lunch at 6:30 next Sunday night. Mr. James Bartholomew of General Electric will discuss "Religion in the Field of Labor and Management."

WEEK OF COMPASSION — February 21-28

What is it all about? And you have a right to ask. To help women and children without country and homes. To help Chaplains — To feed and clothe hungry and needy in Korea, in Europe and India. To rebuild churches and schools.

If we all shared every week to Missions in any proportion to our possessions, the Church could apportion the gifts. Can we pay no attention to these imperative needs? Are you your brother's keeper? Yes, we know you pay taxes, but so do we all. That is no answer. It all comes down to whether or not we have compassion. To fast — to pray — to deny — to give in love — would prove a spiritual blessing. It would prepare you for Lent. Bring your gift this Sunday.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 5, 2:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Theme: "That They May Have Life"; Place: Plymouth Congregational Church.

CO-CHAIRMAN PARTY FOR NEW MEMBERS

A party for new members will be held Friday evening, March 5th.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Laura Gildea, 1635 Spring St., Wednesday afternoon 1:45, March 3rd. Mrs. Maude Thurman will present the program, "O Living Church, Thine Errand Speed". They will be assisted by Mrs. Gertrude Winfield. Mrs. Dorothy Green will have devotions.

The Edna Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. Paul Lippey, 3138 S. Fairfield Ave., on Monday, March 1, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. Rolland Ripple will present the program.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. Miller, 2133½ So. Lafayette St. on Wednesday evening, March 3, at 1:30 P.M.

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Fred Wilson, 1332 W. Washington St. on Thursday, March 4th at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Allen will give the devotions and Mrs. Siples will present the lesson.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Gail J. Roe, who are celebrating their wedding anniversary.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell in the recent death of Mr. Caldwell's mother. Mrs. Caldwell made her home in Beardstown.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Frank Vernor and Mr. Garth Vernor and family in the recent loss of husband and father, Mr. Frank Vernor, who passed away last Monday evening. Mr. Vernor was a former Elder in this Church and an ordained minister in our Brotherhood.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. C. R. McMaken, 3022 South Wayne Avenue on Friday evening, March 5, at 8 P.M. Mrs. Ward Bundy will assist the hostess.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Kathryn Leversee is a patient in Parkview Hospital, room 217.

Mrs. Cora Kern, mother of Mr. Kenneth Kern, is a patient in Lutheran hospital.

THE SINGING WELSH ARE COMING!

The Singing Welsh, are holding their annual banquet in this church on Saturday, March 13. See Mr. Edward Ashton or Mr. Charles Fuchshuber for tickets. Make your reservations early.



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IT IS LENT

THE MEANING OF LENT

Forty days before Easter through centuries have carried significance for Christians. As a people we welcome those activities and occasions when Christians do things together. World Communion Sunday, Universal Week of Prayer, Global Fellowship. So, in this period of self-denial and prayer immediately preceding Easter we give up worldly satisfaction to devote time and energy to spiritual offices. Worldly pleasures of every variety are put aside and the good people work for Christ, pray to Christ, save for Christ, secure new converts for Christ, in honor of His Crucifixion and resurrection. This good custom has never been out-lawed or out-moded. Will you join?

"The WORLD IS TOO MUCH WITH US — Getting and spending, we lay waste our lives."

To break God's purposes into our Earth-bound, selfish, grasping, pleasure-loving lives, is the purpose of Lent. We pause, pray, seek forgiveness for our sins, attend worship in church, partake of the Lord's Supper, look to conditions of our Home, rescue it from the mad rush of this world for our family and re-examine what our family is doing for Christ and seek new converts. **It is Lent** observe it. God will bless you, if you do!

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Tower Bells and Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M. Trio: "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings"
Liddle

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Cocherille
Mrs. J. C. Bartholomew, Director of Music Anthem: "Jesu, Priceless Treasure"
Bach

Sermon: "Facing Opposition"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

We urge members of the church to attend the church school session each Sunday morning at 9:30. Special lessons pertaining to the Easter period are being taught in all children's, Youth and Adult classes.

World Missions Day Highlights New Demands On Christian Workers

The shifting world scene is having a marked effect upon Christian missions in most countries. The meaning of the current situation will be emphasized in the observance of World Missions Day, March 7, in many Disciples of Christ churches.

Missionaries are finding it necessary to adapt themselves and their work to demands for more cooperative efforts with other denominational groups. The national leaders (native Christians) are asking for more responsibility and authority in church and mission programs. Greater flexibility is called for in all phases of missionary activity. These points are being stressed by the Foreign Division of the United Christian Missionary Society as it revamps its strategy for work abroad.

Dr. Virgil A. Sly, chairman of the Foreign Division, states, "In the Congo we face a critical shortage of staff. Today's letters from Africa sound much like those which we have in our files

sent from China years ago. They keep repeating, 'Send us staff!'"

But Dr. E. K. Higdon, executive secretary of the department of missionary selection and training, points out that the Society will continue to send out only qualified and well trained missionaries. "It will take 1,400 new volunteers for foreign service in the next six years," he explains, "to produce 140 missionaries."

Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward, executive Secretary of the department of Latin America, declares, "We are serious about unity in the Latin American Missions and we had better be serious about it! We believe, too that missionary money does not carry with it the power to command."

Donald F. West, executive secretary of the department of India, the Philippines and Thailand, warns, "We are being forced to make changes and frankly, we don't know what the future holds for us in Asia. But we are willing to undertake mission work in Southeast Asia in the face of unfriendly forces of nationalism and communism. We see the need for taking bold new steps in our work."

Council of Cooperation of the United Church of Japan at its 1953 annual meeting. The Disciples of Christ representative, Kenneth C. Hendricks, stands at right, back row. His witness for free churches such as the Disciples is important to the developing cooperative work in Japan where some fifteen Protestant bodies are seeking ways of working together.





Once the "pig house," this neat building is now the Trading Post at Yakima Mission.

Westward Ho! Home Missions Tour Planned for July

Another purposeful tour, similar to those sponsored in previous summers by the Christian Women's Fellowship department of the United Society, is scheduled for July 4 to 24, 1954. The "Westward Ho! Tour" is for business women in the churches of Disciples of Christ.

Leaving Chicago, Ill., on July 4, the women's tour will proceed to the Grand Canyon in Arizona, Los Angeles and San Francisco, Calif. In Los Angeles the group will visit All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center, home missions institution of the Disciples of Christ.

In the Northwest, the tour will visit the Yakima Indian Christian Mission near White Swan, Wash. Scenic spots of interest on the tour itinerary are

Portland, Ore., the Columbia River, Seattle, Wash., Victoria, B. C., Lake Louise and Banff in the Canadian Rockies. The tour will disband at Chicago, July 24.

Miss Katharine Schutze, tour director announces that the home missions tour is the only summer trip to be conducted in 1954 for business women. Several fall tours will be conducted in cooperation with the International Convention of Disciples of Christ.

Mission "Trading Post" Gets New Quarters

An old pig shed at Yakima Indian Christian Mission has been cleaned and painted and is now being used for the "Trading Post" (used clothing store). Mrs. Esther Johnson, one of the Indian women, is in charge of the clothing, which comes from interested churches.

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OLDER YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUNG ADULTS

Mr. Eural Rose will be the guest speaker before this group next Sunday night. The series—"Religion in the Professions" is being continued. Mr. Rose will discuss "Religion in Business Administration."

HIGH SCHOOL CYF

The High School Christian Youth Fellowship program for next Sunday will include: Church School at 9:30; the morning worship at 10:30; Youth Choir rehearsal at 5:30; lunch at 6:30 which will be followed by the regular evening program, worship and recreation hour.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The **Esther Circle** will meet with Mrs. Irene Kissinger, 1107 Nor'hood Ave on Monday, March 8th at 630 P.M. A covered dish supper will be served, followed by devotions and program.

The **Montgomery Circle** will meet with Mrs. Wm. R. Love, 4317 South Wayne Avenue on Tuesday evening, March 9th at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Harriett Cole and Mrs. Jane Dillman will serve as co-hostesses.

The **Fellowship Guild** will entertain the Higdon Circle at their regular monthly meeting to be held at the Church Monday evening, March 8th at 8 P.M. Mrs. T. R. Eiler will give devotions and Mrs. W. Morrow Cook, former missionary to Africa, will be the guest speaker.

The **Higdon Circle** will meet at the Church on Monday evening, March 8, at 8 P.M. This group will be the guests of the Fellowship Guild.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

March 7 Henry M. Flowers, Glenn R. Miller
14 Eural G. Rose, Cecil Rice
21 John E. Merrill, Albert Egly
28 Grayston Cripe, Wm. H. Crouse

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

Harold K. Pritchard, Captain, A-36712; J. Hugh Tracey, Robert E. Working, Clarence Hendrickson, Ralph J. Richard, Kenneth V. Lytle, Dr. R. W. Goebel, A. Howard Wise, Meldren S. Kreps, Everett W. Evans, John C. Cole, T. D. Eddleman, Charles W. Staley. Please call your Captain when unable to service.
Mrs. C. L. Follis, deaconess, serving through March.

OFFICIAL BOARD

Regular meeting, Tuesday evening, March 9, in Fellowship Hall. 7:30 P.M. Committees will meet following the Board meeting. Chairmen will please notify their committee.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

March 5, 2 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Plymouth Congregational Church

The Theme "That They May Have Life" was chosen by Sarah Chakko, president of Isabella Thoburn College at Lucknow, India. Notice of her sudden death was received this week.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Dale Hiler underwent surgery last week at Parkview Hospital and is now convalescing at her home, 2513 Miner St.

GOLD MEDAL CERTIFICATES

Please save your Gold Medal Certificates from your bags of Gold Medal Flour for the ladies of the Church. Turn them in to Mrs. Wm. Crouse, Mrs. L. A. Horn or place them in the offering plates on Sunday morning. Thank you.



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IT IS LENT

WHAT DO YOU PRAY FOR?

Tell me what you pray for and I will tell you what you are!

Maybe you laugh at the farmer (but I think he was a Fort Wayner) who prayed, "O God bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more." Honest now, for whom do you pray — You ought to have a prayer list (written out) and each night, as you pray, you should lay each name before God, asking Him to help you lead him or her into the Christian life. If you pray thus, it won't be long until you begin to work. Mr. M. of a city in another state met many men at more or less regular intervals. He was a devoted Christian. He tried to lead people to Christ. After meeting one of his regular customers, as they parted, he asked if he might write his name down in his little red book and pray each night that God would lead him into the church. Without enthusiasm the customer gave his permission. He noted as the book was opened that many names had lines drawn through them. He said to himself, "Mr. M. will soon scratch mine as hopeless." But that night he couldn't sleep, thinking how Mr. M. was praying for him by name. Before morning he decided to go and talk with a Pastor in whom he had confidence, with the result that the very next Sunday he confessed Christ before men. He wrote Mr. M. who sent him a beautiful letter and, in a postscript added: "This morning I drew a line thru your name, but I still pray for you."

Make our your list! Think how our Church might grow.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Tower Bells and Organ Prelude: 10:15 A.M.	Anthem: For the Beauty of the Earth"
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist	arr. Davis—Junior Choir
Mrs. J. C. Bartholomew, Director of Music	Anthem: "God So Loved the World"
	from "The Crucifixion" — Stainer
Sermon "Striving for Power and Influence"	Preacher: Our Pastor



Disciples of Christ missionary, Robert Nelson leads a group of Jamaicans in hymn singing.

Oklahoma Women Provide Jamaica Mission House

A much needed missionary residence in Jamaica, B.W.I., is being purchased by the Christian Women's Fellowships of Oklahoma. This is a *Capital for Kingdom Building* project of the women in this state, which means that their giving for the residence is over and above their regular giving for missions, through the United Christian Missionary Society.

The Jamaica Mission plans to use the residence, both to house a missionary couple, the Robert Nelsons, and for a Mission office, library and conference room. The property is to be known as the "Oklahoma House," and is situated next to the union seminary in which the Disciples of Christ expect to have a part.

The first check to be received by the United Society toward the Jamaica Mission residence came from the Weleetka,

Okla., Christian Women's Fellowship. Robert Nelson was once a student pastor at Weleetka and the women there said they wanted to make the first contribution toward this project.

Robert Nelson wrote from Jamaica, "The women in Oklahoma will have occasion for many years to rejoice in this contribution to our work. They are having a part in something that will serve long and well."

National Bible Study Project Launched

A long range national program to encourage use and full understanding of the Bible in American life has been launched by the National Council of Churches. Two Disciples of Christ leaders have been named regional directors of the project. They are Charles Marion Ross and Earl N. Kragnes.

R.S.V. Bible Breaks Records For Best Sellers

The Revised Standard Version of the Bible broke all sales records in the book publishing business during 1953. Within a twelve-month period, nearly 2,500,000 copies of the R.S.V. Bible were sold. This is a record sales figure unequaled by any other book in U. S. publishing history, according to a report from the National Council of Churches.

Mission Tours Set For Caribbean Area

Among the five tours to be conducted in October, 1954, in connection with the International Convention of Disciples of Christ will be two mission tours

to Jamaica and Puerto Rico. Sponsored by the United Christian Missionary Society in cooperation with the Convention, the mission tours are scheduled for October 16 to 25 and November 1 to 8.

Traveling by air, from Miami, Fla., both tour groups will spend four days visiting mission work of the Disciples of Christ in Jamaica and seeing some of the beauties of this British island. Another four days will be spent in Puerto Rico, seeing some of the island's tourist sights, visiting churches, the union seminary and McLean Conference Grounds, which is a center of Mission activity in Puerto Rico.

The first tour will return to Miami in time to attend the International Convention in that city. The second tour will leave Miami immediately following the Convention.

Persons taking mission tours in the fall of 1954 will see activities of Disciples of Christ in Puerto Rico. Shown here are Gregorio Floran (left), a pastor, with Garland Farmer, missionary.



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We urge members of the Church who are not now enrolled in the Church School to avail themselves of the opportunity of our Church's teaching program between now and Easter.

OLDER YOUNG PEOPLE — YOUNG ADULTS

This group will meet in the Ladies' Parlor at 6:30 next Sunday night. Mr. Hugh Rice will discuss, "Religion in the Field of Public Education." This discussion is a continuation of the series, "Religion in the Professions." Following the program there will be an old fashioned box supper.

HIGH SCHOOL C.Y.F.

The High School C.Y.F. will begin its program next Sunday night with the Youth Choir rehearsal at 6:00 in the Choir room. Lunch will be served at 7:00 in Fellowship Hall including those who are not members of the Choir.

The program and worship theme is: "What Our Church Stands For." Recreation follows.

CHOIR CLASS

Members of the Adult Choir who do not attend another Adult Class or who teach in the Church School can attend the Choir Class of which Mr. James Bartholomew is the teacher. The Class meets in the Choir room from 9:30 to 10:00 each Sunday morning.

ANNUAL WELSH DINNER

Saturday Evening, March 13th

Will be held in Fellowship Hall. Please get your reservations in. Call Mr. Ashton or Mr. Fuchshuber about tickets. If you have never heard the Welsh sing, you have a treat in store for you this Saturday evening.

COME-DOUBLE CLASS

The Come Double Class will have a party on Friday evening, March 12th at 7:30 P.M. in their Class room. Members and friends of the Class are invited.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Women's Fellowship will meet Tuesday, March 16 at 2 P.M. at the Church. Mrs. A. C. Worley will review the book, "Yours With Love, Kate". Mrs. J. C. Clevenger from Gish Circle will give devotions. Mrs. L. A. Horn will bring special music. The Executive meeting will be at 1:15 P.M.

MEN'S FORUM

Sunday Evening — March 14
5 to 7 P.M.

Mr. O. A. Dellinger, President, International Business College, Fort Wayne, Indiana will be the guest speaker. Special music is being arranged. Devotions will be given. The Food Committee is as follows: Charles Fuchshuber, Chairman, Howard Wise, Paul Truby and William Tracey. Mr. H. W. Crowder, President, will preside.

THE PASTOR'S CLASS

Intermediate and Junior Youth are invited to Pastor's Class 10:30 A.M. Each Saturday morning for 5 weeks. We had a class of twenty last Saturday. Others may still join this Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Dike Eddleman have charge of the half hour recreation.

NOTES

Mrs. Mallie Reidt is ill at her home, 914 Monroe Street.

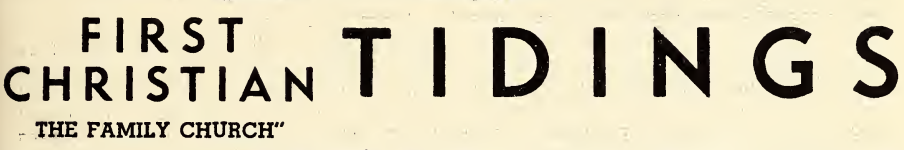
J. Hugh Tracey has returned from an extended trip to Mexico City. While there he had interviews with outstanding Christian leaders in Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Verl Pribble have been visiting in Florida.

Mr. Herman W. Sigrist has gone to Hot Springs Arkansas for a short stay.

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COME TO CHURCH + IT IS LENT

Look at this from another angle: We refused to convert nations—Our commission was to Christianize the nations of the world. But you said, "Do not talk to me about **foreign** missions when there is so much to do at home." And what did you do or give for those "at home?" We scorned Missions in all forms. Did not want to hear returned missionaries. We wanted our money for ourselves—and now what? The Government lays a tax on you to pay for past wars and to prepare for the next one. We lost lives and we lose lives and money we tried to spend on ourselves. "If I had served my God with half th zeal I served my king, He would not have left me naked to mine enemies." Shakespeare said that. What fools we have been! The wages of sin are death. — — God's gift is eternal life.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

There were **307 in attendance last Sunday** in the Church School. Let's keep the attendance growing.

M.C.I. Director Speaks On Home Missions Panel

E. G. Luna, director of Mexican Christian Institute, community center of the Disciples of Christ at San Antonio, Tex., spoke on a panel at the interdenominational home missions conference in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., in December. The panel discussed problems of Spanish-speaking Americans.

One panel member stated that Mexican-born families are pushing up into the middle class and even higher economic brackets in the Southwest, particularly in Texas. Mr. Luna observed that "unfortunately one has to be middle-class before acceptance in the churches," and added pointedly, "I don't know whether that is a rule of the Lord or not."

At the same conference, Dr. Stanley

I. Stuber of Japan Christian University warned that other peoples of the world are "keenly aware of our well cultivated racial prejudices and nothing is hampering the work of our missionaries any more than discrimination practiced by Christians and others in America."

Christian Education Quadrennial Planned

A convention of Christian education workers from cooperating Protestant churches is scheduled for July 27-31, 1955, in Cleveland, Ohio. This will be the 23rd International Quadrennial Convention on Religious Education. Some 10,000 church school teachers, superintendents, officers and members of church boards of education are expected to attend.

Children at First Christian Church, Sedalia, Mo., learn about God's world. Children's workers are among those who are expected to attend the Christian Education Quadrennial in 1955.



Japan Work Camp Cited as Significant

After serving as co-director of a Work Camp in Japan, Vern Rossman, Disciples of Christ missionary, declared last fall that "The work camp is one of the most significant and effective programs sponsored by the church."

Mr. Rossman pointed out that the work camp included many of the best features of a high school or college conference with the addition of a work project and an evangelistic outreach. "It is the addition of this aspect of witness to Jesus Christ," he said, "which brings a work camp to life as compared with a conference."

The Bibai International Work Camp which Mr. Rossman helped to conduct, had 27 youth participants. The group dug and poured the foundation for an evangelism center and dug a reservoir for storing fire-fighting water for the community of Bibai. The campers also held evangelistic street meetings, showed religious films to community groups and distributed copies of the Gospel of John. Every activity, Mr. Rossman said, was carried out in an atmosphere of worship.

New Missionary Nurse Plunges Into Duties

Miss Ruth Coates, who has been in the Belgian Congo nearly one year as a Disciples of Christ missionary, writes that her first few months of service have been full and "memorable." Her work started at the Bolenge station where she relieved the regular nurse for a much needed vacation.

Just eight days after her arrival in the Congo, Miss Coates was left in charge of the hospital. "Everything was so new to me," she writes, "and I couldn't speak a word of the African language, but with the help of an African nurse who spoke French I made out quite well. I averaged a delivery a day plus all the other work in the 17 days that the regular nurse was gone."

After three months at Bolenge, Miss Coates went to her station at Monieka, where she is now serving. "It's a real challenge and opportunity to get this new hospital equipped and going," she declares, "so from now on, life will be really busy."

Indiana Churchman Credited for Aiding Kentucky Highlanders

For a number of years, Edward J. Ronsheim of Anderson, Ind., has carried on a project in the interest of mountain people around Hazel Green, Ky. His efforts have produced literally tons of used clothing, books and toys for sale at a low cost in the "Jot 'Em Down Store" at Hazel Green Academy.

Henry A. Stovall, director of Hazel Green Academy, credits Mr. Ronsheim with aiding hundreds of families who cannot afford to buy new clothing or new yard goods at retail prices.

Mr. Stovall also recalls that, "My own early inspiration to do missionary work came from my contacts with Mr. Ronsheim in the church at Jackson, Miss."

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Women's Bible Class	12	20.00
Men's Class	15	25.00
Choir Class	10	5.00
TOTAL	353	\$220.08

Each Class and Department has been asked to have a 10 per cent increase each Sunday over the previous SUNDAYS attendance during this period.

ADULT CLASSES TO HAVE LESSON-FILM NEXT SUNDAY

"LOVE THY NEIGHBOR" a 16mm. sound film will be presented in Fellowship Hall next Sunday morning, March 21, to all adult classes at 93:0. This film is being presented in place of the class lectures by each teacher and is a part of the current lesson series on the Gospel of John.

NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT IN OUR CHURCH

- 5:30—Youth Choir Rehearsal followed by lunch. Program: "LOVE THY NEIGHBORS", a film depicting the attitude of Christian Love in daily living. Worship and recreation follow.
- 6:30—Junior High young people and parents will have a pot-luck supper followed by film, "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR". Junior Highs will have recreation. Parents and leaders will discuss future program.
- 6:30—Older Young People and Young Adults. Mr. Alexander Campbell, speaker. Mr. Marvin Crouse, magician show.
- 6:30—Young Married Class pot-luck supper and program.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Myrtle Strout has been returned to the hospital.

Mrs. James Presnell is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, room 362.

Mr. Harrison Simon is a patient in Parkview Memorial Hospital, room 414.

Mrs. Charles R. Cook is a patient in Parkview Memorial Hospital, room 216.

HONOR ROLL

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PASTOR'S CLASS

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. James Prevnell for a baby daughter, Linda Kay.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are given by Mrs. Robert T. Beck Sunday in memory of



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IT IS LENT

Counter attack is the key word for today! Mere gestures to custom and experience is blind folly. How can Christian men of the Church enjoy liberty, freedom, yes prosperity — and feel no obligation to support and work for that which makes these great benefits possible. Is it possible men are unaware of God—unaware that God can work through them?

Secularism—Materialism and Communism stand in the foreground threatening all the achievements that ages of struggle for liberty, decency, and justice have bequeathed to us.

Will this become truly a "sensate" civilization? What are the methods and tools of these great enemies? With mental intrigues and unnatural emotions they seek to make "relativity" a byword. By a subtle maneuver of sophistry, it is declared that men have no real freedom of moral choice — in business, in profession, in toiling for daily bread. They are subject to controls beyond reach and to revolt is suicide.

Listen Christians! We are responsible! Responsible for atom bombs and their use! We are responsible to preserve freedom! We are responsible for our greatest strength, the Church!

The time for counter attack is here. Recover the home, the Church. Recover Christian freedom. By the power of Christian Love and Truth take the battlements of falsehood, intrigue, immorality and irreligion. BE IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY!

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Tower Bell and Organ Prelude 10:15 A.M. Anthem: "Holy, Holy, Holy" by Gounod
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist High School Choir—

Mrs. James C. Bartholomew, Director of Music Miss Betty Moore, Soloist

Anthem: "Lost In The Night" arr. Christianson

Mrs. J. E. Weirker, Soloist

Sermon: "What Do Others Think You Are?"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Great Church School last Sunday!

Attention! Teachers, officers—meet your goals this Sunday.



Miss Peterson

Ruth Peterson Is Commissioned To Begin Congo Service

Miss Ruth Laura Peterson was commissioned January 27 as a missionary of the Disciples of Christ to the Belgian Congo. She received a certificate of life commission from Dr. A. Dale Fiers, president of the United Christian Missionary Society. The commissioning service was held in the chapel of the Missions Building in Indianapolis, Ind.

At her Congo station, Miss Peterson will be engaged in office administration and evangelistic work at Coquilhatville.

Miss Peterson is from Nashua, Iowa, and attended Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Ore. She was ordained a minister of the Disciples of Christ by the First Christian Church and Allison Park Christian Church of Eugene in June, 1953. The past year she has

studied at the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Conn.

After several weeks further orientation in the United Society's Foreign Division offices, she will go to Belgium for studies required by the government. She expects to assume her duties in the Congo this summer.

Military Chaplains Number 140 Disciples; Chaplains Retreats Set

One hundred-forty Disciples ministers are on active duty with American military forces as chaplains. They represent the largest number in many years in simultaneous service from the brotherhood.

Several retreats for inspiration and instructions are being formed for 1954. Stateside retreats are scheduled tentatively on the east and west coasts. April 20-23 will be the first retreat this year and is to be at Athens, Texas.

A retreat for chaplains serving in the Orient has been authorized also by the committee on military and veterans services of the United Christian Missionary Society. All but two chaplains attended a retreat recently held in Europe.

Currently, 21 Disciples chaplains are on duty with the navy, 45 in the air force, 60 in the army, 10 full-time with the Veterans Administration and four on part-time assignment to the veterans service.

Mrs. O. B. Morris who has served as a field worker for the military services committee terminated her work on February 28. The committee commended her officially for her outstanding work.

Texas District Mission Church Supports All Disciples Emphases

Every brotherhood emphasis received support during 1953 by the Bella Vista Christian Church, Brownsville, Tex. The church is a project of Texas district six churches.

In a building with seating capacity of 65, Sunday morning worship, day kindergarten, and vacation church school are always full. The program also includes a Christian Women's Fellowship, children's classes in Bible, citizenship and health, community recreation groups and counselling.

Rev. Pablo Cotto, minister, reports the church sent delegations to most area conventions for adults and youth.

Social services of the Bella Vista church distributed 1607 garments, placed 14 persons in jobs, secured medication for 123 indigents and aided 116 others.

Pastor Cotto delivered 91 sermons and addresses and made 524 pastoral

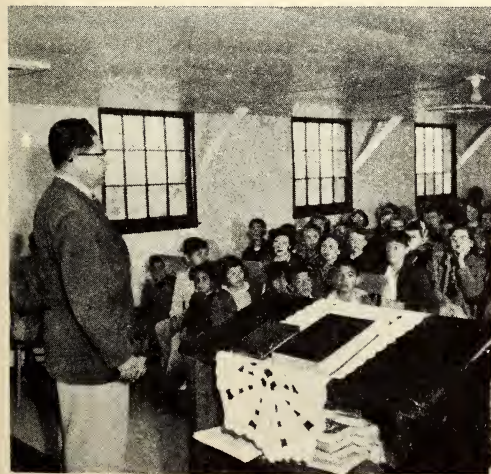
calls. He taught 39 Bible classes and prepared and mimeographed adult lessons for each Sunday. In 1953, six persons united with the church. Besides serving as president of the Valley Ministerial Association, Rev. Cotto directed the civic bloodmobile drive and was on the local Red Cross committee.

G. W. Graham is chairman of the district Christian Church mission board.

Four Disciples Named World Assembly Leaders

Four Disciples of Christ are named consultants to the second World Council of Churches assembly, Aug. 15-31, at Evanston, Ill. They are Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward, United Society executive secretary of Latin American missions, President Perry E. Gresham of Bethany College, Professor W. E. Garrison of the University of Houston. Included is one Briton, Dr. William Robinson, now of the faculty of the School of Religion, Butler University.

Below left, Bella Vista's Rev. Cotto speaks to district young people on a C.Y.F. tour, but the photographer got the attention. At right, a rented school room serves a crowded class.



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Choir Class	11	5.00
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DISTRICT 1 YOUTH CONFERENCE THIS SUNDAY

All Junior High, High School young people, older young people and young adults will meet at the Central Christian Church, Elkhart, Indiana next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for the Annual Spring Conference.

Mrs. Robert J. Beck, Miss Shirley Johnson, Mr. Talbott will participate in the various age level discussion groups and worship service.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. H. M. Shulze, 5307 Decatur Rd. on Thursday, April 1st at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Shulze will present the lesson and Mrs. Cecil Rice will give devotions.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. W. H. Imbody, 441 Buchanan St. Friday evening, April 2, at 8 P.M. Mrs. M. G. Heller will assist the hostess.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Orlie Conner is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Robert Quinn has returned to her home after being hospitalized.

BIRTHDAY CALENDARS FOR 1954-1955

The Come Double Class is now organizing the Birthday Calendar Committee for 1954-1955. All Church families will be contacted within the next 4 weeks. All profits from this project is to be used in the church.

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OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express deepest sympathy to Mrs. James R. Shockney and family in the recent loss of her step-mother, Mrs. Cora Duncan, Milford, Indiana.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel Flowers next Sunday are given by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Morrical honoring the birthday of their little daughter, Ann.

PASTOR'S COMMITTEE

William J. Olsen and Arthur S. Betz is serving on the Pastor's Committee for March.



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JUST "ANOTHER"

There is a short span betwixt now and Easter! What will be accomplished? What slant on that day, what evaluation do those within our fellowship have? Is it a day of superlative value or just "another" Easter?

Members of this church what do you see in this day? Does it mean some preliminary preparations, same crowds, no program outranging other programs, no endeavor out-topping the past? Or does it in your dreams outsoar all sister yesterdays, a very Pikes Peak?

Yours is the answer. If visitation evangelism shall be only a pale repetition of previous visitations, this will be only another Easter. But if flaming zeal outpaces all that has gone before, if parents are more deeply concerned that ever over their children, if from day's dawn to fall of shadows we are praying for the conversion of our neighbors, friends and acquaintances, as you have never done before, then it shall be an Easter rooted in our memory.

You who have been besought — and to warm invitation you have given cold negatives, we beg of you face your duty. Why have you kept the door bolted against Him?

Why not this Easter take this great step. Part company with your vacillation. Take an open stand for Him, who is every man's man, every man's friend. How joyous, triumphant, victory is enfolded in the heart of Easter! It can be a great Easter or another Easter. You hold the answer.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

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Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist Women's Choir

Mrs. James C. Bartholomew, Director of Music: Anthem: "Listen to the Lambs" Dett
Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Soloist

Sermon: "To Be A Christian"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Thirty-nine (39) new students were enrolled in our children's, youth and adult classes during the month of March. 355 in attendance last Sunday.

Missionary Writes Poetic Tribute To Congo Pastor

One of the Congolese pastors has been immortalized in a narrative poem by Miss Edna Poole, Disciples of Christ missionary to the Belgian Congo. A dramatic event in the pastor's life at the Longa mission station is described in the poem which is entitled:

A Good Shepherd

Small of stature, great in spirit,
Simon Esomela, pastor
Of the mission church at Longa,
Serves his Master faithfully.

Constant shepherd of the people,
Always watching that no evil
Harm his cherished flock of Christians,
Causing them to go astray.

Then he heard that they had smuggled
Charms of boty to the village,
Tempting hearts not yet well rooted
In their new-found faith in God.

Righteous anger to sustain him,
This courageous bold crusader
Went, demanding that they give him
All their pots of witches' brew.

They grew angry, cursing, threatening
One who dared such interference
With their selling charms of boty
To the village people there.

Pushing in the door, the pastor
Grabbed the pots of filthy boty,
Flung them down, they crashed and
scattered,
Witches' potions on the ground.

"Kill him, kill him," angry voices,
Knives unsheathed and raised in
fury,
All alone he stood against them
Waiting for the blows to fall.



Miss Poole

"Strike," he said, "You kill my body
But my God will keep my spirit,"
Unafraid he knelt before them,
Bowed his head, began to pray.

Slowly then the knives were lowered,
Sullenly, with eyes averted,
Slinking off, they left him kneeling,
Praying to the Living God.

Knowing not his deed heroic,
Humbly, gratefully, he led them
Back to God and Christian living,
Leaning on his proven faith.

Much of the warmth and friendliness of new American suburban communities is centered in their new and lively churches, it is reported by a writer for *Harper's Magazine*. Many couples say that they "never knew what the church was for" until they moved into the new suburbs. Ministers of the fast-growing new churches say that family counselling is their most important job next to spiritual leadership.

Summer Work Camps Expanded in 1954

The work camp conducted in Jamaica, British West Indies during the summer of 1953 was so successful that the program has been expanded to include four interracial camps in 1954. There will be three work camps for young adults between the ages of 18 and 30 and a training camp for adult camp directors.

Work camps offer young people the experience of worship, study and recreation as well as daily work on some needed construction or service project. Campers usually pay their travel and living expenses, though some scholarships are available through the United Christian Missionary Society, which sponsors the program.

The 1954 Work Camps for Disciples of Christ young people will be held at Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, June 20-August 15; Hazel Green, Ky., June 20-August 8; and in Jamaica, B.W.I., July 14-August 21. The directors' training camp will be held at Flanner House, Indianapolis, Ind., early in June.

At Jarvis, the campers will help with

construction of the new college dining hall and at Hazel Green, they will join people of the community in building a new church. The Jamaica work camps will again engage in construction of churches and mission buildings.

Persons interested in taking part in a work camp should write to Barton Hunter, 222 So. Downey, Indianapolis 7, Ind.

Garage Called "Home" By Missionary Couple In Northern Japan

First-term missionaries to Japan, Ralph and Maxine Palmer went to Honjo, last September to begin new work. They are making their home in a garage, while the mission house is being built. Since the Palmers are the first westerners ever to have lived in Honjo, their presence is exciting considerable curiosity among the people. Sponsored in Japan by the United Christian Missionary Society, the Palmers are doing evangelistic and public health work. On Thanksgiving Sunday, Mr. Palmer baptized 22 persons in the river at Honjo.

The Ralph Palmers begin life in their garage home at Honjo, Japan. At left, Maxine cooks out of doors on a charcoal fire. At right, Ralph enters with their baggage on moving day.



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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

In addition to the Church School and Morning Worship next Sunday, our High School young people will meet for Youth Choir rehearsal at 5:30. Lunch will be served at 6:30 to which all choir members and non-choir members are invited. The program "So This Is the Month of Easter" will be held in the high school room and chapel. Recreation will follow.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dr. Royal J. Dye group will meet at the home of Mrs. Elmer Braun, 1014 Shore Drive, Tuesday, April 13 at 1:30 P.M. (Members please notice change in date). Mrs. E. L. Harris and Mrs. W. H. Imbody will give the program, Mrs. Clover Branstrator will have devotions.

The Newly organized Circle will meet with Mrs. J. C. Bartholomew, 526 Home Avenue, Wednesday evening, April 7, at 7:30 P.M. Devotions will be given by Mrs. Max Smith and the study by Mrs. Horace Russell.

The Edna Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. Henry M. Flowers, 33r W. Fleming, on Tuesday, April 6, at 1:30. Mrs. H. W. Sigrist will have the program.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE — PALM SUNDAY

The Christian Women's Fellowship will have their annual Sacrificial Service in the Sanctuary, Sunday, April 11th at 7:30 P.M. All members of the Church are cordially invited to attend. Rev. John R. Talbott will be the speaker. Special music will be presented by a trio and the choir. Mrs. Rodda will be in the Nursery to care for small children.

ELDER'S SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

April 4—Dale Parkerson, Dr. A. C. Worley; April 11—Preston H. Somers, John Z. Berlien; April 18—Harold W. Crowder, Gail J. Roe; April 25—Floyd E. Morrical, James R. Shockney.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Paul A. Strawser, Captain, A-69214; William P. Vunora, Carter D. Palmer, Homer H. Stevenson, Mark H. Crouse, George R. Bruckman, Jack E. Weicker, Merle F. Morkoetter, Jay J. McCarel, Herbert C. Banet, David A. Griggs, Fred H. Wilson and Paul E. Truby.

If unable to serve please call your Captain.

Mrs. Paul Lippey, Deaconess for April.

Mrs. S. E. Marriman, Hospitality Chairman for April.

OFFICIAL BOARD

Will meet on Tuesday evening, April 6th. at the Church at 7:30 P.M.

EASTER LILIES

Those desiring to furnish a lily for the chancel on Easter Sunday morning, please call the office. Lilies should be delivered to the church on Saturday before Easter.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. John R. Hoop underwent surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital Thursday, March 25. Mrs. H. W. Sigrist has been ill at her home with 'flu'.

OLDER YOUNG PEOPLE — YOUNG ADULTS

This group will have a planning meeting at the church next Sunday night at 6:30 P.M.



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Michael Angelo, addressing a group of his fellow-painters, once said to them almost with indignation: "Why do you keep filling gallery after gallery with endless pictures of the one reiterated theme of Christ in weakness, Christ upon the Cross, Christ dying, most of all, Christ hanging dead? Why do you concentrate upon that passing episode as if it were the last word in the final scene, as if the curtain dropped upon that horror of disaster and defeat? At worst, all that lasted but a few hours, but to the end of unending eternity Christ is alive. Christ rules and reigns and triumphs."

The tremendous, awe-inspiring, powerful and over-whelming drama of the week from Palm Sunday to Easter proclaims the great paradox of all time.

Not human but divine wisdom proclaims, "He that loseth his life shall find it." That is divine logic, magnificent, unanswerable. Men are groping today in and out of the Church because they have not accepted this wisdom. Those baptized, too often, have not learned "It is in dying that we are born to eternal life." Only God could bring such light and life to men.

Great Palm Sunday Service—Procession of the Palms by Children at 10:20 A.M.

ALL THREE CHOIRS

Glorious experience in our Celebration of Second Palm Sunday in Our Great Church.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Tower Bells and Organ Prelude 10:10 A.M.	Anthem: "A King In His Glory"
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist	German Trad. Melody, Junior Choir
Mrs. James C. Bartholomew, Director of Music	Anthem: "Praise to the Lord" arr.
	Christiansen, High School and Sanctuary Choirs
Sermon: "His View and Our View of Palm Sunday"	Preacher: Our Pastor
Reception of New Members and Baptisms following Morning Service.	

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

All classes and departments in the school are to be dismissed at 10:05 next Sunday morning. THE PROCESSION OF THE PALMS will begin promptly at 10:20 in the Sanctuary. Mrs. Henry Vernard and helpers will provide a program for children ages 4 and 5 following the processional so they will not need to return to the Sanctuary. Children of Primary, Lower and Upper Junior ages will return to be seated with their parents at the close of the professional.

OLDER YOUNG PEOPLE — YOUNG ADULTS

This group will attend the Sacrificial Service at 7:30 next Sunday night and go to the home of Shirley Johnson, 910 Wilt St., for a fellowship hour following.

HIGH SCHOOL CYF SUNDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

5:30 to 6:30—Youth Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room.

6:30 to 7:20—Weiner Bake—High School Room.

7:30—Sacrificial Service—In the Sanctuary.

MEN'S FORUM

5 to 7 P.M. — Fellowship Hall

Mr. Lisle D. Hodell is the guest speaker. Special music will be furnished by Richard Huff, violinist, accompanied by Miss Carolyn Both, students at North Side High School. Food Committee: Mr. Merland G. Heller, Carter D. Palmer, Ward W. Bundy, Wm. Caldwell and W. Harry Imbody.

HOLY WEEK

Neon Day Service — Paramount Theatre — 12:00-12:50 P.M.

Guest Speaker, Dr. Joseph Sutter of Chicago.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

12 Noon to 3:00 P.M.

Music from five Churches. Our Church will have music for First and Sixth Word. Rev. John R. Talbott will give First Word, Robert T. Beck, our Pastor, will give Fifth Word.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE — 7:30 P.M.

Sponsored by Christian Women's Fellowship

Theme: "Lovest Thou Me? Feed My Sheep"

The Sacrificial Service will be held in the Sanctuary. Music: "Sheeps and Lambs" by Homer, Women's Choir; Solo, "Lamb of God" by Bizet, Mrs. J. E. Weicker, soloist. Anthem "Listen to the Lambs" by Dett, Sanctuary choir. Mrs. Robert Scott at the organ, Mrs. James C. Bartholomew, directing. Call to Worship, Mrs. Hugh D. Rice; "The Shepherd's Psalm" led by Mrs. Charles R. Ludwig; Scripture by Mrs. Joseph Siples; Message, "The Pageant of Vicarious Sacrifice", John R. Talbott, Minister, Christian Education. The Offering, preparation and dedication, Mrs. Meldren S. Kreps, and Mrs. Maude Thurman. Ushers: Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mrs. Clay Orchard, Mrs. Paul Truby, Mrs. Glenn R. Miller, Mrs. L. Dale Smith and Mrs. Ben G. Taylor. All members and friends of the Church are cordially invited to attend.

BIRTHDAY CALENDARS

Make sure your Circle, Club, or Group has their meeting dates on our Birthday Calendar. All information should be turned in to Mrs. John Craig, Mr. Phillip Uhl or members of the Come-Double Class not later than April 24th.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. Robert Rayl, 5109 Fernwood Drive, Tuesday, April 13 at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Don J. Eyer, Co-hostess.

The Esther Group will meet with Mrs. Fern Teeple, 717 Union St., Apt. T-2, Monday evening, at 6:30 P.M., April 12. A covered dish dinner will be served, followed by devotions and study.

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, 1301 Lynn Ave., Monday evening, April 12 at 7:30 P.M.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. M. S. Kreps, 4713 Spatz, Monday, April 12, 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey will give devotions. Mrs. Irene Cline, the program.

HONOR ROLL

(Those having paid up pledges through March 31)

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Beck, Martha Jeannette Beck, Mrs. Ethel Allen, Robert Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. H. Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. Eppie R. Baker, Mrs. Mary Barnett, Mrs. Alma Beck, Patricia Ann Beck, Mrs. Grace Bell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Betz, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bolinger, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boner, Corinne Boner, Robert Boner, Jr., Mrs. Clover Branstrator, Miss Karen Branstrator, Wm. D. Branstrator, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Mrs. Hilda Geyer Brown, Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bundy, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter, Mrs. Gilbert Busick, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cahow, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carpenter, Mr. Robert F. Carson, Mrs. Edna B. Clark, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coar, Mrs. Wm. Coblentz, Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, Miss Emma Crabill, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Grayston Cripe, Mr. M. L. Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Aden Current, Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Beck, Mrs. Glenn Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Glendenen, Ellen Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Crowder, Mary Crowder, Mrs. Charles E. Dare, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly, Mrs. Ida Mae England, Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Flaugh, Jack Flaugh, Allan Flowers, Dwight Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flowers, Lloyd Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Olos Fox, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Bonnie Fusselman, (continued next week).

VISITATION EVANGELISM

During our week of Visitation 30 made decision to become a part of this Church Family. We wish to express our thanks to those men who gave time to call on these people. They are: Arthur C. Lyon, Glenn Miller, John Talbott, M. A. Bolinger, Clayton Yoquelet, John Cole, Albert Egly, Wm. Caldwell, George Dicks, Paul Truby, John Merrill, Henry Flowers, Eural Rose, Wilbur Whinery, Gail Roe, Paul Strawser, L. Dale Smith, Maxwell Smith, Arthur Betz, James Shockney, Leon Johns, Wm. Crouse, Bret Young, Chas. Fuchshuber, Lowell Alkire, Harold Crowder, Floyd Morrical, Jas Bartholomew, E. R. Baker, Grayston Cripe, Leonard Goode, John Craig, Howard Wise, and Robert T. Beck.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers on Palm Sunday are given in memory of Russell Baugher by Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Baugher.

ORCHIDS TO WOMEN OF C.W.F.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the women for the very fine dinners they served to the men last week during Visitation Evangelism. Those who served are: Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Mrs. Kenneth Kern, Mrs. Stanley Cole, Mrs. Myron Cole, Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mrs. Laura Gildea, Mrs. Robert T. Beck, Mrs. Paul Clendenen, Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Mrs. Milo Miller, Mrs. Neil Allen, Mrs. Cecil Kinzie, Mrs. Paul Truby and Mrs. Glenn Miller.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

April 15, 7:30 P.M.

In dramatic order, litany, music, the story of the Last Supper will be told and celebrated in traditional candlelight.

Beautiful music by the Sanctuary Choir supplemented by congregational singing and responses will mark this service.

Mrs. James Bartholomew will direct the Sanctuary choir who will offer special music at this service.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Keneth Kern is ill at his home, 124 W. Wildwood Ave.

Mrs. Myrtle Strout fell and dislocated her shoulder last week.

SPENCER TRACY BAZAAR

John Alan Kreps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Meldren S. Kreps of our Church, is a student by a correspondence course of the John Tracy Clinic, pre-school for the deaf child, Los Angeles, California. The parents of the Clinic are sponsoring a bazaar in May. There is an opportunity for handwork for this worthy effort. Mrs. Kreps should have these articles by May 1st.

GIFTS OF CHOIR ROBES

The Choir robes worn by our Sanctuary Choir next Sunday are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Cocherille, faithful members of our church and our choir.

These are Collegiate Gowns and are of a rich blue color.

Very sincere thanks to the Cocherilles with real appreciation for both the gift and the spirit prompting this good deed.

EASTER LILIES

Those desiring to furnish a lily for the chancel on Easter Sunday morning, please call the office. Lilies should be delivered to the church on Saturday before Easter.

POSTER

The beautiful announcement poster on the Bulletin stand is the gift of Joe Ramey, James Shockney's brother-in-law.

BIRTHDAY CALENDARS FOR 1954-1955

The Come Double Class is now organizing the Birthday Calendar Committee for 1954-1955. All Church families will be contacted within the next 4 weeks. All profits from this project is to be used in the church.



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Like the rising of the sun over a dark and dismal world, Easter Dawn begins to break. Easter light is spiritual and eternal, for this earth but not of this earth alone. In the light of Easter we see our loved ones alive forevermore. In that light, born in heaven, we see the City of God and a day, a new day and country in which dwells righteousness. Our toil, all our suffering, all our sacrifices not lost, all will blossom into everlasting Victory.

SUNDAY IS EASTER



COME TO CHURCH

**IF YOU ARE A MEMBER —
ATTEND**

**IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER —
JOIN**

Thank God you are alive! God has a purpose for you, There is a task for you. What an insult if some one said, "All you are good for is to eat, sleep, toil, die—like a horse." You believe there is a divine element in you. Do you? Then act as though that were true.

The garden does not do well without cultivation. No more will your mind and heart. As weeds grow swiftly and destructively in the best gardens, so you are like a garden. Easter is a great time for the commitment of your soul into God's care. We are living in a time for greatness. Do the great thing. Easter is made for that—If not a member join Church Easter.

YOU NEED THE CHURCH

A Judge in Louisville would not join the Church. Pastors and visiting ministers through the years had approached him and begged him. One day a visiting minister came into the Judge's Chambers and said, "Judge Blank, you have been spoiled by preachers who made you think that Christ's Church could not exist without your august help, without your proud name. Please remember that the church has come all this way in history without your assistance and Christ can get along well without you now. The question is, can you get along without Christ?" The Judge that day joined Church. Don't think you can get along without religion. You cannot.

EASTER PROGRAM 1954

(Plan for one trip to Church)

8:00 A.M. **Breakfast for Youth.**

8:30 A.M. First Easter Worship Service.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 8:15 A.M.
Junior and Sanctuary Choirs

9:40 A.M. Our Great Church School.

Wonderfully planned program in each
Class and Department. Offering for the
work of our great Brotherhood.

ATTENTION: Let Every Class Meet Goals.

10:45 A.M. **EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE.**

High School and Sanctuary Choirs

SERMON: "The Power of the Resurrection"

Great numbers are coming into the Church — Baptism after second service.

Small Children and Babies Cared for in Church Nursery

6:30 P.M. Young Peoples Meeting.

COLORED SLIDES TAKEN IN EUROPE.

PREPARING FOR EASTER

You have much to bring to Easter worship. You give as well as take. Here are sound suggestions. Last of week, call up friends who might attend with you, whom you have secured to join the Church. Have something definitely arranged. Leave no loose ends. Retire early Saturday night after meditation and prayers. Arise early, get yourself in the right mood for a great morning. Be in your pew early. Bow your head in prayer.

EASTER SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL

All Church School Classes and Departments will meet at 9:45 A.M. next Sunday Morning (Easter Day) and close at 10:35. We urge Class Officers and Department Supervisors, teachers, members to invite guests on this day.

OLDER YOUNG PEOPLE—YOUNG ADULTS

Will meet at the home of Miss Ruth Burris, 2128½ Pleasant Avenue on Easter Sunday night at 7:00 o'clock. Reports on speakers and special programs through the month of May will be made.

ATTENTION! JUNIOR HIGH—HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG PEOPLE

Next Sunday night (Easter) marks the beginning of an enlarged program for young people of the ages 12 through 17. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

5:30 to 6:30 Youth Choir rehearsal (for all Junior High and High School young people).

6:30 Lunch. Young people in both groups not singing in the choir will come at 6:30.

7:00 "The Light of the World" an Easter Chapel Worship Service.

7:20 European Pictures—Miss Doris Beck, Washington, Indiana.

8:00 Ping Pong, Volley Ball games.

8:30 Friendship Circle and Sacred Triangle.

EASTER ATTENDANCE GOALS IN CHURCH SCHOOL

Women's Bible Class	15
Men's Class	14
Friendly Class	30
Young Married Class	12
Come-Double Class	42
Progressive Class	43
Choir Class	10
LaKoda Class	7
High School Class	21
Lower Junior	34
High Junior	22
Upper Junior	31
Primary	43
Kindergarteh	44
Nursery	30

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 19th, 1954 — 7:30 P.M.

All families of the church are invited to attend the CWF meeting on Monday evening, April 19th at 7:30 P.M. when Miss Doris Beck will show pictures of her Australian trip. Mrs. Charles R. Ludwig will have devotions. Special music by Mrs. Bartholomew, Mrs. Wm. Love and Mrs. J. E. Weicker. McGavran Circle is in charge of hospitality and The Guild will serve refreshments. The Business and sExecutive of the CWF will meet at 9:00 P.M. when Election of Officers will be held and other business discussed.

Miss Doris Beck, sister of our pastor, is driving to Fort Wayne from Wahington-Indiana and will show pictures she took of her trip by plane to the World Convention in Australia. In her comments she tells of the life of the people of the lands, "underneath" and also interprets the life and program of the Christian Churches in Australia. She has shown her pictures before Shriners Club in Evansville, a number of Business and Professional Women's Clubs in Southwest Indiana, before Teachers groups, Churches, etc. Some sixty times.

Miss Beck is past president of the Council of Church Women in Washington, president of the Business and Professional Women's Club and active in the State Council of Church Women and was delegate to the International Congress of Business and Professional Women held in Stockholm Sweden last Summer. She will show some of her European pictures before the High School Group Sunday evening.

OUR SUPERB CHOIR

Many high compliments and favorable comparisons—Among the best in the City. Be sure to enter Church early at each Service. Hear our beautiful Tower bells; our great organ prelude and all the choral numbers.

OUR GROWING CHURCH SCHOOL

Each Sunday sees new members being enrolled in every department of our Church School. First Christian is truly a FAMILY CHURCH. Do not allow anything to keep you away from WORSHIP and THE CHURCH SCHOOL this Sunday.

EASTER LILIES BLOSSOM

Are you happy Spring is here? With the moving of some mysterious power of life all nature will blossom into all its beauty of perfume and color. It is the belief in His living presence that makes Easter lilies appropriate. Gives an additional expression of the knowledge that God has not left us but is here in this annual resurrection. Have your lilies in Church Saturday morning.

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EASTER CLIMAX

As we come to the close of this Easter Season, let it be with a prayer of gratitude that such observance of faith is permitted to Christian people in this Country. Our gratitude should also go to those in this Church who have made this Easter possible, to the minister and the minister of Education, our Secretary, our Choir Director, of Church visitor, our custodian, our Elders and Deacons and Deaconesses, our Ushers and Co-Chairman Couples, our Commission on Hospitality, our Pastor's Committee, our Choirs, our Church School teachers, our C.W.F. Officers, hundreds of devoted members, our Evangelistic visitors and those that aided, to make this a high peak of Worship and Consecration.

This great Church is in its 84th year. It has a fine past, a thrilling present, a challenging future. Its program of Worship, activity and service is continuous. Seven days a week. On such high peaks as Easter, those of us who love the church pause to reconsecrate ourselves to its service.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Given in Easter memory of grandmother, Mrs. Harold Hobeck.

BIRTHDAY CALENDARS

If you have not been contacted on being a part of our Church Birthday Calendar, please contact any member of the Come Double class or call H-40671 by April 21st.

Let's all be a part of this wonderful calendar and make it a success.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mrs. Martha Gaunt, Mrs. Laura Gildea, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Green, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Griffith, David A. Griggs, Stevens Hand, Miss Mildred Hartman, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Heller, Dale C. Hiler, II, James M. Hirschy, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Horn, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jefferies, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johns, Mr. and Mrs. R. Blaine Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Kern, Miss Aileene Kingsbury, Mrs. Oscar R. Kiefer, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kinzie, Mr. and Mrs. Meldren S. Kreps, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Lear, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ledbetter, Miss Donna Leversee, Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Linn, Mrs. Emily Lowman, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lyon, Richard Lyon, Vicki Lyon, Jay J. McCarel, Miss Lucille McCarty, Miss Marguerite McGuire, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Maple, Donald L. Miller, Mr. Glenn R. Miller, Mrs. Leo E. Miller, Miss Marylin Miller, Mrs. Milo F. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Moffit, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moody, Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Miss Dorothy Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert D. North, Mr. and Mrs. Carter D. Palmer, Mrs. Lois Pifher, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Harold K. Pritchard, Mrs. Gertrude Rayburn, Mr. Powell A. Rayburn, Mrs. Nelle C. Reed, Mrs. Mallie Reidt, Beatrice Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, Merle Rice, Mrs. F. H. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Eural G. Rose, Wendell Rose, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau. (To be continued)

BRING YOUR EASTER LILIES THIS SATURDAY



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You Are Cordially Invited

to be present at

The Dedication of

THE CARILLONIC TOWER BELLS

Given by Mr. J. Hugh Tracey

In Memory of His Wife, Mary E. Tracey

and children, Rita L. Tracey and Douglas C. Tracey

at

THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

4800 South Calhoun Street

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Sunday, the Twenty-fifth of April, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Four

at the Morning Worship Service

at Ten-Thirty o'clock

State Convention — Evansville — May 16-17-18

LET THE SPIRIT LEAD YOU

In experience you can learn something, as we have done; it is to allow God's spirit to lead us. Marvelous things happen by what seems to be an uprush of God's power and leadership. No man (or group of men) alone could have done these things. Debts have been paid; men, women and youth, won to Christ and His Church; money has been given to missions; homes have been transformed; a new spirit and attitude entered the hearts of people. All this by divine action. So we have learned to step aside and hide behind Christ; To let Him have His way; only one prayer takes preeminence, "Thy will be done."

We beg you. How can we implore you so you will allow God to have His way in your life? If you do, that will be the biggest and most important hour in your life when you learn to pray: "Not MY WILL BUT THINE BE DONE."

Does God want you to forgive some enemy? Do it. Does God want you to correct some habit? Do it. Does He want you to join His Church now? Do it and at once. Does God want you to lead someone into the Church? Do it. Let God have His way in your life.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:15 A.M. Anthem: "I Will Sing New Songs of
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist Gladness"—Dvorak
Mrs. James C. Bartholomew, Minister of Music High School Choir
Anthem: "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Ringwald
Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Soloist
Sermon: "Who Are With You?" Preacher: Our Pastor
Two great services on Easter. Be in your place Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

There were 393 in attendance in various Classes and Departments of the Church School on Easter. An amount of \$231.25 was received for the special Missionary Offering.

We urge a full attendance in all our groups through Mothers Day which also is the first Sunday in Christian Family Week.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP — 5:30 to 8:30 P.M.

"Three Questions" is the subject of the High school class next Sunday morning. In the evening following the Youth Choir rehearsal and luncheon, Miss Ruth Burris and Mr. John Merrill will share the program on "The Field of Business as a Vocation for Young People." There will be recreation.

JUNIOR HIGH CHIRCHO FELLOWSHIP — 5:30 to 8:30 P.M.

In addition to the Sunday morning Class and Worship hour all Junior High young people will meet at the church on next Sunday evening for a full schedule of activity. Mr. Horace Russell will be in charge of the group for the next two Sunday nights.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

The date has been set for the Vacation Church School, June 14 through June 25. The school will meet daily, Monday through Friday, 9:00 to 11:30 o'clock.

To date thirty-two supervisors and teachers have been obtained by Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Director and eight persons obtained as helpers. Fifteen persons are taking special training this week.

Registration fee is: \$1.00 per family and 50c per child. Details will be announced later in the Tidings and in special publicity going to our church homes and to homes in the area of our church.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A wonderful group of people these last Sundays. Our pastor, Mr. Beck, has married some of them, some are to be married. Some of the youth are children of parents whom our pastor has received into the Church. Some have already gone out on visitation program of evangelism. All have a most cordial welcome into our great Church:

Mr. and Mrs. Leon H. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell P. Smith, Miss Aileene

Kingsbury, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Marks, Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Carr, Larry Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Landis R. Mote, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bogan, Ronald Bogan, Bernadine Bogan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Blaine Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Y. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell H. Alkire, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Manley, Mr. George A. Paddock, Mrs. John R. Hoop, Mrs. Maurice Casey, Mrs. R. E. Douglas, David K. Crebb, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Hendricks, Mrs. Mary C. Martindale, Mr. Ronald E. Chapman, Linda L. Welker, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Welker, Miss Joan E. Fennell, Mrs. Oscar Fleming, Pamela Fleming, Gayle Fleming, Mrs. Wm. McNamara, Mrs. Mary Wilhelm, Edward Crowell, Lee Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crowell, Mr. John C. Wright, John A. Young, Robert S. Young, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jefferson Young, Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Wasson, Nancy Ann Goebel, Joel A. Working, Sherryll Russell, Linda Moody, Michael Young, Robert Boner, II, Lawrence A. Horn, II, Judith Merrill, Steven J. Banet, James A. Clausen, Steven Tharp, Ned Klotz, II, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brand, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James E. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Skelton, Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Sands, Stanley M. Driver, Donald Gene Driver, Mr. and Mrs. John R. McFarland, Peggy Sue McFarland, Janet Lee McFarland.

44 were received in the last two Sundays. Many more are to come.

BEAUTY IS DEMOCRATIC

"There is nothing of the patrician about beauty," said a thinker. There is no haughty exclusiveness. It walks the common ways of all men. When it finds lodgment in "a house by the side of the road," it is a friend of man.

There is beauty in architecture. Do not look to large or costly houses as the only place to find it. Beauty sometimes is lost in high walls and spacious settings, often sheer ugliness and monumental mediocrity. Often in little "chicken coup" houses there comes to bloom supreme artistry.

There is a beauty in manners. You do not find it only among the sophisticated or exclusive sets. Sometimes one wonders if in a few of these circles any manners are to be found at all. I think of a slip of a girl gladly doing dishes, refinement plus a \$3.50 dress and 10c ribbon in her hair. The manners of girls behind the counter is often more impeccable than their customers.

Beauty of words. The "okays" are admittedly not attractive. Nor the "darlings", "definitely", "really" of hot house variety. We have heard lovely English spoken from the heart of a high school graduate, and ugly, snarly, and unattractive English from Vassar, Harvard or Oxford graduates.

Beauty of books. Not outside but from inside. Think how democratic books are. They can rest on anyone's desk. Shakespeare's complete works for a few dollars. Wordsworth, Keats or other poets in inexpensive bindings and a New Testament for the asking.

And what of Beauty of Landscapes. Some of the glorious sunsets, the mirroring of stars on the lakes, all there if you watch them in the right mood. And flowers, Spring flowers, speaking an unbelievable beauty.

The beauty of a kind deed, generous thought, sincere Christian living. All in all what a democratic world in which to live.

ELDERS AND DEACONS PARTY

This party has been postponed until further notice.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Spring Institute

To be held in this Church on April 29th. The **service project** for that day is many small items gathered together for our friends around the world. Hang a purse upon a door knob and place such things in it as: small kleenex, thimble, pencils, aspirins, buttons, scotch tape, band-aids, face soap, lip stick, needles, small scissors, bits of yarn wound on a card, thread, combs, hair brush; gather them up and bring them with you when you come to the Institute next Friday

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afternoon, or you may bring them with you and place them in the box which you will find on the kitchenette.

The SPRING INSTITUTE LUNCHEON is at noon on Friday, April 29. Tickets 85c. Call Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, H-67110 or, the Church office, H-6222 to make your reservation.

FORT WAYNE COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN MAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

at

SIMPSON METHODIST CHURCH — FRIDAY, MAY 7th

Luncheon 35c. Call Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, H-78483 to make reservation.

CWF RUMMAGE SALE

April 27 at 2031 Lafayette Street

See that your rummage is there early or bring it to the Church before that date.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. F. E. Morrical is quite ill at his home.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Wayne F. Koontz and his family in the recent loss by death of his sister.

ORCHIDS

To the boys who served so well at the doors last Sunday morning with registration blanks: Clark Hiler, Robin Miller, Steven Tracey, Robert Young, John Young, Philip Carson, Larry Carson, Steven Coleman, Forrest Smith, Marshall Smith.

To Elders, Deacons, Ushers, Co-Chairman Couples and Pastor's Committee that were so faithful from Palm Sunday to Easter.

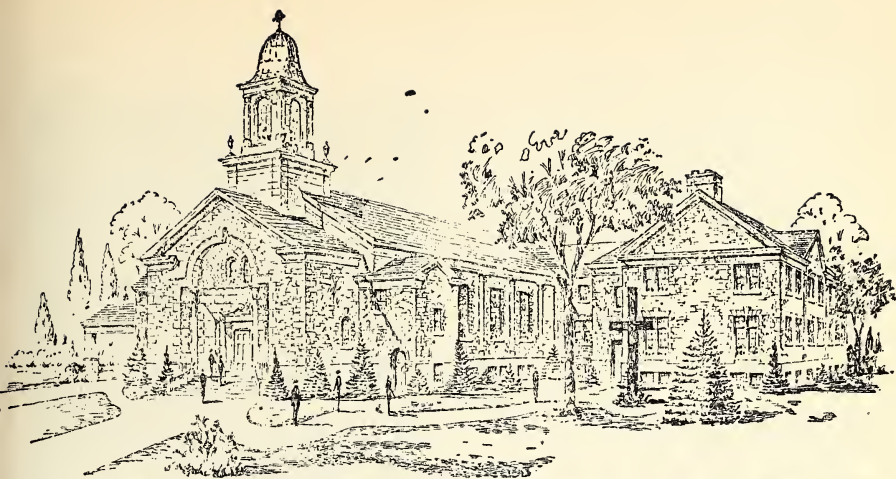
To Mr. and Mrs. Gail Roe, Mr. and Mrs. Follis, Mr. and Mrs. Truby and others assisting at our large Baptismal Service.

HONOR ROLL (Continued from last week)

Miss Lenore Rousseau, Mrs. Olive Roy, James J. Rupel, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Russell, Mrs. Lee N. Sapp, Miss Edna Saxon, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Miss Minnie Screen, Mrs. Laura Sherer, Miss Margaret Shockney, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Miss Sarah Shroyer, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Siples, Miss Arlene Smell, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dale Smith, Marshall Smith, Sharon Smith, Mr. Preston H. Somers, Barbara Staley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Staley, Mrs. Edith Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stevenson, Mr. Paul A. Strawser, Michael Symms, Mrs. Roger Symms, Mr. John R. Talbott, Mrs. E. C. Tatman, Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Taylor, Mrs. Fern Teeple, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Tharp, Mr. and Mrs. Bueford Tharp, Mrs. Maude Thurman, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Timbrook, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tracey, Mr. J. Hugh Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey, Miss Carole Truby, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Truby, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vernard, Mr. and Mrs. David S. Vesey, Mrs. Flora Virts, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Vunora, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Whinery, Doyle Whitton, Gerald Whitton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Whitton, Robert Whitton, Mrs. Ollie Wiley, Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Mr. and Mrs. A. Howard Wise, Miss Nancy Woodhull, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Robert Working, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yentes, Mrs. Orpha Yost, Miss Ruth Yost, Mr. and Mrs. Bret Young, Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young. (to be continued)

Y.W.C.A.

This is National Y.W.C.A. week. Support the fine work of our Y.W.C.A.



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"Many of us know what going to church at best can mean—inward reinforcement, clear vision of duty, restored faith and courage, as though in a smog the northwest wind blew, the sun shone again, and the horizons cleared.

"We come in faltering. We go out 'strengthened with might by His Holy spirit in the inner man.' Like twigs that have snapped out of a bonfire, the flame of our aspiration after God and goodness has died down, but thrown back into the church's fellowship, it blazes again."

—Harry Emerson Fosdick

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:15 A.M. Anthem: "The Lord Is My Shepherd"
 Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist German Traditional, Junior Choir
 Mrs. James C. Bartholomew, Minister of Music Anthem: "Lo, My Shepherd's
 Hand Divine", Haydn—Sanctuary Choir
 Sermon: "What Can You Expect of God" Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Thirty-five new persons were enrolled in the fifteen classes and departments during the first three Sundays in April. Since February there have been 96 new enrollees. BE IN YOUR CLASS NEXT SUNDAY.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Everybody is talking about the Vacation Church School. It begins Monday, June 14 and continues daily, Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 1:30 A.M. "The Church" is the general theme for 1954 and will be carried out on each age level through—activities, study, stories, worship and for older children and Junior highs field trips. Registration fee is \$1.00 per family or 50¢ per child.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT

Our Chi Rho and Christian Youth Fellowship will meet together next Sunday night. Following Youth choir rehearsal at 5:30 all young people will assemble in Fellowship Hall for lunch at 6:30.

A Missionary program has been planned by Mrs. Earl Fusselman, adult counselor. Mrs. A. Howard Wise is working with young people who will present the program. Recreation and Friendship Circle will close the evening.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist in memory of their son's birthday.

State Convention — Evansville — May 16-17-18

College Women Consider Religious Vocations

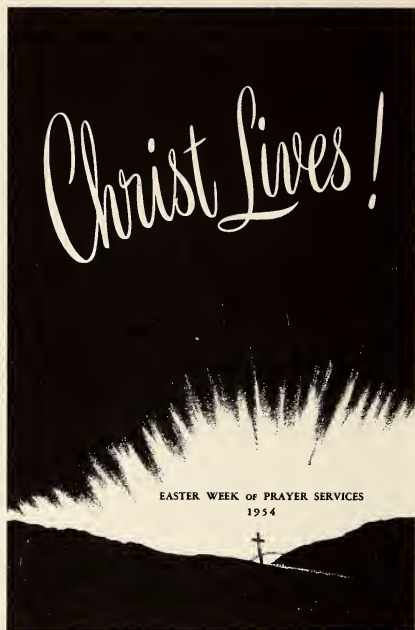
Women students from 35 colleges and universities in the United States attended the second annual Conference on Religious Vocations at Union Theological Seminary, New York City, in February. The conference was started to give information about religious vocations to students who have not yet chosen a profession. The plan is also to encourage capable women students in entering the field of religion as teachers, directors of religious education, missions, sacred music, student work and the Y.W.C.A.

Film Sets Forth Acts Of Korean Christians

A motion picture produced by the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches reveals that Christians among North Korean and Chinese prisoners of war were responsible for the mass demand for non-repatriation. This film, *A People Without Fear*, shows a United Nations chaplain working among the prisoners in Korea. Other scenes depict work of the churches in postwar Germany, Russia, Syria, India and the Philippines, highlighting the current mission study emphasis on "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World."

Easter Week of Prayer Theme, "Christ Lives"

Inspirational services for use by women's groups, April 11 to 18 have been prepared by Mrs. Charles F. Bai-



ley of Ballinger, Tex. Mrs. Bailey is state president of the Texas Christian Women's Fellowship and a former vice president of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ.

The 1954 Easter Week of Prayer services are entitled, *Christ Lives!* In the opening service the leader says, "It is Easter again. We speak of it as if it were a season, but to the Christian, Easter is an attitude—an attitude of life which says: There is something within us which was in our Lord, that that enables us to turn the worst into the best, even death into lasting life."

Issued to the presidents of some 4,000 Christian Women's Fellowships in the United States and Canada, the Easter Week of Prayer services are accompanied by a personal prayer booklet, *Thy Kingdom Come!* Both are offered by the missionary education department of the United Society.

Summer Conference Directors Coached In Regional Meetings

Young peoples summer conferences will be better than ever this year because the leaders who direct them have received instructions for this work in five regional coaching conferences. James L. Ballinger, associate national director of youth work for the brotherhood was in charge of the coaching meetings, which were held last winter in Indiana, California, Washington, Texas and North Carolina.

The summer program sponsored by the religious education department of the United Christian Missionary Society reaches a large number of young people. In 1952 more than 19,000 senior high school and intermediate age youth received Christian training in Chi Rho camps and young peoples conferences. These young people represented around 2,000 Disciples of Christ (Christian) churches.

In the summer of 1954, about 260 camps and conferences will be conducted by the national and field staffs of the department of religious education.

Missionary Family Delighted with New Home in Thailand

As houses go, the mission residence for the George Cherryhomes family in Thailand is not a mansion. In the picture at right, the new house has a strangely "old" look. But when it was completed last summer, Mr. and Mrs. Cherryhomes and their children moved in at once and wrote friends in the

States about their delight in having a home of their own.

This missionary family had been living in cramped quarters over the Thai girls school at Nakon Pathom ever since they went to the Thailand Mission in 1951. In their Christmas letter to friends in America, the Cherryhomes wrote that completion of the new house "made it possible at last to unpack our trunks and let the children outdoors for unsupervised play. After months of semi-confinement, Chris and Dan suddenly began to blossom health and good feeling in the extra space and freedom of their new yard."

Adequate housing for mission workers is important, both to the work and to the missionaries. A number of Disciples of Christ missionaries are working under difficult conditions due to poor housing. The current *Capital for Kingdom Building* effort of the United Christian Missionary Society seeks to provide better missionary residences at home and abroad.

Mrs. George Cherryhomes, Chris and Dan and their new house at Nakon Pathom.



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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our people support our Church. All are generous. Some are sacrificial. Until we solve our money problems before God, we haven't become as good and as happy Christians as it is possible for us to become. There is the way our people give: Per Week, 1 at \$20; 1 at \$15; 1 at \$10.75; 1 at \$7.25; 14 at \$5 or more; 7 at \$4 or more; 28 at \$3 or more; 12 at \$2.50 or more; 55 at \$2 or more; 24 at \$1.50 or more; 71 at \$1 or more; 43 at 50c or more; all others under 50c per week. It should be noted that many of these support the Church School, the C.W.F. and other organizations and most all make liberal donations to our new Building Fund. We are a liberal people.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 2	Glenn R. Miller	Henry M. Flowers
May 9	Cecil Rice	Eural G. Rose
May 16	Albert Egly	John E. Merrill
May 23	Wm. H. Crouse	Grayston Cripe
May 23	Dr. A. C. Worley	Dale Parkerson

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Allen Garee, Captain; Donald E. Coffman, Romane H. Cole, Chester L. Follis, M. G. Heller, Clayton Yoquelet, Rolland R. Ripple, Wm. E. Tracey, Marvin L. Crouse, Powell A. Rayburn, Bret R. Young, Delmas Young, Maro A. Bollinger.

If you are unable to serve, call the office or Homer Stevenson.

Mrs. Paul Lippey, Deaconess for May 2.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet on Tuesday evening, May 4th at 7:45 P.M. in the Church Parlor.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Paul Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Cecil Kinzie, 1721 Meridian St., Thursday, May 6 at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Joseph Siples will have devotions and Mrs. Glenn Miller will give the lesson.

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Clover Branstrator on Coverdale Road Wednesday, May 5 at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. David Hogg is in charge of program and Mrs. Charles Green will have devotions.

The Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. Leland Higgins, 213 W. Fleming, Monday, May 3. Please note change in date.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER PARTY

MAY 7 — 6:30 P.M.

The Mother-Daughter party will be a carry-in dinner at 6:30 P.M. Friday, May 7th in Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own table service. Coffee will be furnished. All women and girls of the Church are cordially invited to attend. There will be special music and Mrs. S. E. Merriman will tell the story, "Cookie Jar Mother".

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. C. D. Palmer, 2625 N. Wells St. Friday evening, May 7 at 8 P.M. Mrs. Albert Egly will serve as Assistant Hostess. The members are reminded of the "Silent Auction".

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. J. R. Coar has been quite ill at her home on Suburban Drive.

Edwin Shidler is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, room 461.

Mrs. Gilbert Busick is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

HONOR ROLL

Miss Marcia Baugher, Miss Carolyn Cline, Miss Marilyn Crouse, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Ditton, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Eddleman, Mrs. T. R. Eiler, Mrs. Lillian Gagnon, Dr. and Mrs. Russell Goebel, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris, Mrs. James Hirschy, Mrs. David Hogg, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Howell, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Kean, Jr., Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marks, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Morkoetter, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Neal, Mrs. Alpha Piercy, Mrs. Lois Pifer, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rice, Judith Shulze, Sharon Smith, Steven Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Uhl.

FORT WAYNE COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN

MAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

SIMPSON METHODIST CHURCH — FRIDAY, MAY 7th

Luncheon 35c. Call Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, H-78483 to make reservation.



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SUNDAY IS MOTHER'S DAY

What can sustain the home and married life? This is one couple's experience. "We decided to go even beyond courtship to Church. To see who went nowadays — To see if there was something for us. We went with eyes open but a little skeptical. We looked about until we found a friendly congregation and a minister who had something to say.

"In a very practical sense, it has been our salvation. We are on steady ground now financially, physically, emotionally. We simply put Christian order and common sense into our hitherto chaotically full life.

"Here at Church are people who think, read books, with them we found we could have a grand time. It was surprising to see how many were there in the twenty thirty age range. Young couples like us who went on a binge of personal liberty find it bomeranging back at things we really prized.

"The Church gives us control. Association with people who have control and right perspective. The Church gave us strength, a strength we found nowhere else. Go to Church, we say; next Sunday. What you need is there. WE'RE GLAD WE WENT BACK TO CHURCH."

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:15 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Anthem: Choir

Sermon: "How A Woman Attained Heaven
In Earth's Despair"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Rev. John Talbott will be with us on next Sunday morning. BE IN YOUR CLASS.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCHEDULE NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT

CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP—Junior Highers.

5:30 Choir rehearsal. 6:30 Sandwich lunch. All Junior Highers are asked to bring sandwiches, potato chips, pickles. The drink can be bought for five cents.

6:50—Recreation. 7:30—Mr. Talbott will lead the discussion: "Deep in the Heart of God". 8:00—Worship. 8:20—Sacred Triangle.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—for High School Young people.

530—Choir rehearsal. 6:30—pot-luck supper in the High School room. 6:50—Program: "They Were There—One Hundred and Fifty of Them". 7:30—Worship Service. 7:50—Recreation and Friendship Circle.

State Convention — Evansville — May 16-17-18



Dwight E. Stevenson (center) and Filipino pastors plan a leadership training institute.

Seminary Professor Sees Union Work in Japan and Philippines

In Japan, the Disciples of Christ are "actually taking part in Christian union, not merely talking about it," Dr. Dwight E. Stevenson reported after visiting in Japan last fall. On leave from The College of the Bible at Lexington, Ky., the professor is teaching at Union Seminary in Manila, the Philippines this year. Enroute to the Philippines, he spent eleven days in Japan under sponsorship of the United Christian Missionary Society.

Unity a Reality

The United Churches in Japan and the Philippines, Dr. Stevenson reported as being "a reality that will grow" because the Christian evangelical movement is firmly rooted there. Morale among Protestant Christians he said was "very high" when he attended the Evangelistic Congress of the United Church of Japan. More than 2,300 delegates attended this meeting, including many laymen.

Stewardship Briefing Conferences Planned

A series of briefing conferences will be held across the United States between April 20 and May 20 this year, for the purpose of training church leaders in stewardship education. Directed by Roy L. Thorp, national director of stewardship for the Disciples of Christ, the meetings will train district leaders who will be expected to go back to their own localities and pass on the instructions to other workers.

The educational program will help to prepare churches for launching the Year of Stewardship, September, 1954 to May, 1955. By the close of the year, 1954-1955, it is hoped by those planning the emphasis that every church member in the brotherhood will give at least a tithe as a systematic plan of giving.

Briefs . . .

Miss Velva Dreese, assistant executive secretary of the United Society's department of Christian Women's Fellowship is on educational leave during the spring and summer of 1954. A former missionary to the Philippines, Miss Dreese is doing women's work in the islands while on leave.

Dr. George W. Buckner, editor of *World Call*, international magazine of the Disciples of Christ, reported in January that the magazine's circulation gained steadily during the year 1953. At the end of December, *World Call* had nearly 5,000 more subscribers than at the end of the previous year, or a total of 68,030.

Paraguay Mission Ventures into New Work

Enthusiastic Reports from Missionaries

Missionary activities in Paraguay are taking on the aspect of thrilling adventures, according to recent letters from United Society mission workers in that country. One reason for the missionaries' enthusiasm is that several of them are starting new work or expanding the activities already underway.

Preaching Point Opened

Allin Sharp wrote that he and his wife Betty are driving out from Coronel Oviedo by horse cart to new points for regular showings of religious films. In November they began weekly preaching services in the village of Nueva Londres, where they are visiting homes and distributing copies of the Gospel of Luke.

Ralph Q. Adams reported that the "high mark in the life of the congregation at Coronel Oviedo" came last summer when the church was organized. Since then, the church board has determined how to use the offerings, giving help to a local school and sending a portion to the United Christian Missionary Society for world missions. The newly organized church at Coronel Oviedo began with a few persons, slightly more than six years ago, in the same manner in which the group at Nueva Londres is now starting. Mr. Adams also goes to the village of Tacuacora every other Sunday, where a small group meets for worship and reading the scriptures.

Church Organized

Byron Spice, former missionary to Mexico, began as an evangelist in the Paraguay Mission last summer. In November, he took part in the exciting process of making two churches out of one. The established Peru Street church in Asuncion, with many years of organ-

ized activity behind it, willingly divided its membership to help form the new church in Barrio Colon. Mr. Spice wrote of the two congregations, "it is encouraging to see the church attendance increase steadily."

Headline event of the year for the Paraguay Mission was the opening of the social center and chapel in a poverty stricken section of Asuncion. The new Friendship Mission is now well underway, with a dental clinic, sewing classes, weekly prayer meetings and worship services and a playground in use around the clock. Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Mills who are directing this work, wrote in January, "We really belong to this neighborhood!"

Public market in Asuncion, Paraguay.

Three Lions Photo



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CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK

We celebrate Christian Family Week with two major activities during the week of May 9 to 16. On Wednesday night, May 12th our Church School supervisors and teachers, Kindergarten through Junior Departments, will meet for lesson planning in preparation for the parent-teacher conference on May 16.

On Sunday noon, May 16th parents and church school leaders of the departments listed above will have a pot-luck dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Following the dinner parents will have a conference with their child's department supervisor and teacher which will launch the first such meeting of its kind and will mark the beginning of church and home cooperation through educational understanding.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Department leaders for each age group have been procured for the Vacation Church School which begins on Monday, June 14th continuing each day for two weeks, Monday through Friday. The school closes on Friday, June 25th. The traditional closing night program will be held.

Leaders for the Nursery Class are: Supervisor, Mrs. Jack Cooney. Helpers: Mrs. Dale Parkerson, Mrs. Ernest Pond, Miss Bonnie Fusselman. The theme is on "The threes at Vacation School." Those helping in the Church Nursery: Mrs. George Skelton and Miss Bernadine Bogan.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Gail Roe, R. 2, on Tuesday evening, May 11, at 7:30 P.M. All husbands are invited as guests of their wives. Mr. Vernon Sheldon will be the speaker.

The Higdon Circle will meet on Monday evening, May 10 with Mrs. Ernest Katas, 4221 Oliver St. at 7:30. Mrs. Wm. Tracey has the program and Mrs. Meldren Kreps will give devotions. The Circle will hold their Election of Officers.

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. O. R. Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw Street Monday, May 10 at 8 P.M. Mrs. Robert T. Beck has program.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER PARTY

May 7 — 6:30 P.M.

The Mother-Daughter party will be a carry-in dinner at 6:30, Friday evening in Fellowship Hall. Coffee will be furnished. Please bring your own table service. All women and girls of the Church are cordially invited to come. Mrs. A. Howard Wise will give the invocation, Mrs. Robert T. Beck, the benediction. Mrs. Irene Cline and daughter, Carolyn, will bring the responses. Special music—"Mother Machree" by Olcott-Ball, and "May Day Carol" English Folksong, arranged by Deems Taylor. These numbers will be given by the Sextet composed of Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey, Mrs. Kenneth Lytle, Miss Shirley Johnson, Miss Barbara Allen, Miss Anita Fitch, Mrs. Wm. R. Love, accompanied by Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott at the piano. Mrs. S. E. Merriman will tell the story, "Cookie Jar Mother".

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. J. R. Coar is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, room 321.

THE MEN'S FORUM

Sunday 5 to 7 P.M.

Sheriff Harold Zeis is to be the speaker at the Men's Forum this Sunday evening. A group from the South Side High School is to bring special music.

PARKING LOT

The parking lot is to be completed shortly. Stone, sod, shrubs are to be used in landscaping. The men of the church are expecting to donate labor which will keep the cost to the minimum. Homer Koomler is to use his bulldozer. Hugh Tracey, Chairman of the deacons, is heading the project for final completion.

THANKS

Earl Fusselman, Floyd Morrical, Hugh Rice, Merle Rice and Beatrice Rice all helped in mowing the lawn about the church.

APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. Meldren Kreps and John Alan wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to those who contributed material for the John Tracy Clinic.



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In the last analysis all our prayers of petition and intercession are acts of self-oblation, the free offering and surrender of our finite and imperfect love into the hands of God's infinite and almighty love. The Church's prayer prevails only to the extent of its responsive offering of itself to God to be the instrument of His will.

Worship is consummated in offering. And it's offering must be total and entire. God so loved that He **Gave** — gave us nothing less than Himself — — It is a great pity that so many people think of the "offering" in worship solely in terms of a collection of money. But our alms and obligations, our natural gifts are intimately associated with our prayers and intercessions. They are the partial, outward tokens of a complete inward dedication to His service of everything that we are and everything we possess.

—M. H. Shepherd.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:15 A.M. Anthem: "Praise and Give Thanks"
 Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist Sanctuary Choir
 Mrs. E. C. Schiller, Director of Music
 Sermon: "How Right Do You Want To Be" Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

We urge members of the Church School Classes and Departments to be regular in attendance for the remainder of this quarter which closes June 27.

The Summer period of the School will be held during the months of July, August and including Labor Day Sunday.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Each week between now and Vacation school time we take this space to introduce the leaders of departments and the theme for each. This week we introduce the Kindergarten leaders: Mrs. Henry Vernard, Supervisor. Teachers, Mrs. Robert Rayl, Mrs. Horace Russell, Mrs. James Shockney; Helpers are: Miss Pat Blanton and Miss Carolyn Cline. The Kindergarten Department's age children 4 and 5.

Vacation School begins on Monday June 14 and meets daily except Saturday, through June 25 from 9:00 to 11:30 A.M. Registration fee is \$1.00 per family, 50c per child.

State Convention — Evansville — May 16-17-18

Laud Work, Standards Of Missionaries

For high standards required of missionaries, the Disciples of Christ were commended by Dr. Robert T. Parsons, dean of the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Conn. Dr. Parsons discussed missionary training with staff



One of the several modern mission buildings improving native conditions at Bolenge.

members of the United Christian Missionary Society on February 18 in Indianapolis.

Commenting on a recent nine-month study tour of African missions, Dr. Parsons exclaimed he was amazed at the heavy program conducted by Disciples missionaries. He said he found Christianity has overcome most vestiges of former native animism around Bolenge, a Disciples station he chose for special study.

Asked about the advantages of graduate study for missionaries, Dr. Par-

sons illustrated with mention of one man who based a cultural research on Congolese proverbs. He has achieved notable success by using them to teach Christianity to the natives.

Dr. Parsons pointed out that the Kennedy School is the only interdenominational graduate faculty devoted completely to training missionaries. The curriculum, he explained, covers language, world cultures, mission history and practice, and technical specialization.

Earlier, Dr. Parsons was introduced to the United Society staff by Dr. E. K. Higdon, executive secretary in charge of missionary selection and training for the Disciples of Christ.

The Disciples, Dr. Parsons said, have a strategic location at Bolenge. The government even envies the mission station, he noted and added that Bolenge is one of the most beautiful places in the Congo. He concluded with appreciation to the Disciples for inviting other church missions to share the educational program of the Congo Christian Institute.

Church Membership Book Published for Youth

A new book on church membership for junior and junior high young people has been published by the Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis.

Entitled *I Choose the Way*, the book uses stories, poems and colorful illustrations to convey Christian concepts and arouse questions. Doris Clore Demaree is the author.

I Choose the Way is brief and objective. It should appeal to most youth. A companion guide for teachers also was published.

Moral Training of Youth And Usefulness for Elders Are Family Hopes

Moral life of children and satisfaction for people over 65 years of age are two hopes of American family life.

Lack of spirit within the family unit causes seven of every ten cases of juvenile delinquency. Among our elder citizens, the 1950 census counted 12 million of them. By 1960, there will be 16 million persons over 65.

The current family life program of the department of social action of the United Christian Missionary Society is aligned to these needs mentioned above. Study and church planning materials distributed by the department already are in use.

Every child has a right to Christian upbringing and most elderly people desire to be useful. Security, love, usefulness and happiness are the objects of this emphasis in developing family life.

At a Christmas party near Akita, Japan, Mrs. Shoichi Suzuki treats the children to a picture story of "The Little Match Girl." At right is Mr. Wakasa, a local minister.



"Welcome Book" to Bring 120 Foreign Youth to W.C.C. Assembly

A "Welcome Book" is being compiled to bring 120 foreign youth to the World Council of Churches assembly in Evanston, Ill., this summer as youth consultants.

The United Christian Youth Movement sponsors, expect 5000 signatures of contributors of one dollar each to the project. With contributions, youth groups send in signatures of donors on pages which will be bound into a volume and presented at the Evanston assembly.

A Modern Parable from Mexico: an Angry Woman And a Book of Dreams

Then she tore the Bible to pieces. That was that until colporteur Gregorio Rodriguez returned to town. He had sold the Bible to the old lady during a previous trip only a few weeks before. Now he would call to learn what faith she had found through her Bible.

He learned, however, that people had warned the old lady about *this* Bible. Now she would not have it nor let anyone else fall prey to it! She had torn the Bible to pieces and threw it away.

As colporteur Rodriguez packed to leave town again, a fellow approached him and asked did he have "a book of dreams where it told about seven fat cows and seven lean cows a certain Pharaoh had?" Yes, he even had many copies. Immediately the youth bought one.

Only then did colporteur Rodriguez discover the young man had found a page of the torn Bible and become fascinated in its unfinished mysteries about life.

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HIGH SCHOOL C.Y.F.

The Sunday evening program of the High School C.Y.F. will begin at 5:30 next Sunday with Youth Choir rehearsal. Mr. Robert Cocherille, Director. Lunch begins at 6:30 to which all high school young people are invited. Mr. J. E. Weicker will be the speaker. "The Field of Public Education as a Vocation". There will be a worship service and recreation.

CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP

The Sunday evening program of the Chi Rho Fellowship begins with choir rehearsal at 5:30 followed by lunch at 6:30. The discussion subject is, "What I Can Do for My Group". There will be a worship service and recreation.

JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Choir meets each Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 at the church. Mrs. S. E. Merriman director.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 11:30 A.M.

Mr. Gail J. Roe, Chairman of the Official Board requests the membership in the Congregation to remain following the dismissal of Services Sunday Morning, May 16th, to hear a report by Mr. Herman W. Sigrist on the building and financial program of the Church. THIS NOTICE IN LIEU OF NOTICE BY MAIL.

MAY BREAKFAST

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY, MAY 18th, 9:30 A.M.

The C.W.F. is sponsoring their Annual May Breakfast on Tuesday morning, May 18 at 9:30 at the Church. The Edna Gish Circle will be in charge of the breakfast. Paul Kepple Circle in charge of hospitality. Mrs. Robert T. Beck will give devotions. Mrs. C. F. Durfee will arrange the worship center. Mrs. L. A. Horn, special music. Program, Mr. Timothy Warner, Dean of Men, Fort Wayne Bible College will speak on the subject, "The Church at Work Around the World". All women of the church are cordially invited to attend and bring friends.

The Nelson Circle (newly organized) will meet with Mrs. Carl Thomas, 1502 Elmrow Drive, Wednesday, June 2, at 7:30 P.M. The Devotions will be given by Mrs. Olos Fox, the study will be presented by Mrs. Phillip Uhl.

CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL

First Christian again has entered into the "Y" Church Softball League. Last year we had a strong team and wound up with an excellent record. This year we hope to take the Championship. The more players we have the stronger team we will have. All interested players contact Rocky Baugher, E-72804, or, Don Miller, K-4147.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Myrtle Strout is a patient in Parkview Memorial Hospital, room 316, having undergone surgery this week.

Mrs. J. R. Coar is still a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 321. There has been some improvement.

TO PENTECOST

Post Easter should be a time of challenge to our best. No wonder this period Church members consider seriously stewardship and tithing. New members should be given opportunity to enter into the Evangelism expression of the Church. Few joys can be greater than the first time a new members secures a decision from another to become a follower of Christ and a member of His Church.

Writings of many of the Church fathers reflect the fact that these Early Christians were tithers and evangelistic. One writes in last of 4th Century, "Our forefathers abounded in plenty because they gave God tithes and to Caesar tribute." And we read "they went every where" proclaiming the Gospel. This pattern works in any Century for good to the Church. Do you fit in this pattern?



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LET'S PRAISE GOD FOR RELIABLES

"After years of experience, out of many years of dealing with human beings, a Pastor comes to appreciate above almost everything else, the boy, girl, youth, man or woman who is **reliable**. You come to admire the person upon whom you may count, with certainty. There are two types of people (1) **The Reliable** and (2) **The Unreliable**. One joins the church and attends with regularity, gives with generosity and works with cheerfulness; the other comes now and then, gives, if at all, spasmodically, and works in fits and starts. One constantly seeks out new members for the church school and the church, while the other, like Micawber, waits for "something to turn up". One backs up the pastor, calls upon members, and greets strangers, while the other does none of these things. These Church attitudes tend to harden into confirmed habits. Examine your own life and find out what kind of a church-member you actually are."

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:15 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Mrs. E. C. Schiller, Director of Music

Sermon: "Whom Are You For?"

Anthem "The Lord Is My Strength"—

Rogers, The Sanctuary Choir

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The Church School meets at 9:30 each Sunday. There are graded classes and departments for children and young people; a class for young adults; three classes for couples and one each for men and women.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL — JUNE 14-25

Mrs. Floyd E. Morrical, Director

Have you seen the large poster in the front Narthex of pictures from last year's Vacation School? Have you discussed at home the 1954 school and are you making plans for your children to attend.

This week we introduce the Primary staff. Supervisor: Mrs. T. D. Eddleman. Teachers: Mrs. Gail J. Roe, Mrs. Robert Keithly, Mrs. Robert Ashe, Mrs. John Merrill. Helper: Miss Martha Beck. The unit for this department is: "Learning About Our Church."

HIGH SCHOOL CYF — TO HAVE SPECIAL PROGRAM

Our High School CYF will have a rare treat next Sunday night following the



With knitting needles and yarn from Church World Service, self-help restores morale.

Osborn to W.C.C: Tobias to Butler

Professor Ronald E. Osborn will teach at the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, next year. He has been given a leave by the School of Religion of Butler University, Indianapolis, for the work.

Mr. Robert Tobias has been appointed to the Butler School of Religion staff. He also will direct work in ecumenical service for the Association for the Promotion of Christian Unity. At Butler, he will teach in the department of church history which Dr. Osborn heads.

Mr. Tobias recently completed eight years on the executive staff of the World Council of Churches. Dr. Osborn will lecture on American churches for the Institute. Both men assume their new positions on September 1.

Church World Service Aid Doubles in 1953

Overseas relief shipments by Church World Service totalled almost 30 million pounds in 1953 according to a summary issued by the National Council of Churches. Value was estimated at ten million dollars. These figures are double those of any previous year, said Dr. Wayland Zwayer, associate director of the relief agency of the Council.

Many Christian Women's Fellowships, Christian Men's Fellowships and other church groups maintain Church World Service projects.

Largest relief shipments went to Germany, Korea and India with Lebanon, Yugoslavia, Greece, Austria and Pakistan next among 40 countries receiving aid.

Supplies included food, clothing, medicine and other stocks. The government gave nearly 16 million pounds of dried milk and over one and one-half million pounds of butter. While furnished free, government surpluses required \$400,000 for shipment and distribution.

Church World Service is supported by 36 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions in America. Funds and stocks come primarily from united appeals, Christian Rural Overseas Program, denominations and local churches. Disciple churches take part through the Week of Compassion.

Why would an old man plant a seedling fruit tree, particularly a carob tree? Seventy years would pass before it could bear fruit.

The old man must have smiled wistfully as according to the Jewish Talmud he explained. "See yonder tree? My grandfather planted it. That tree nourished me. I am planting this tree for my grandchildren."

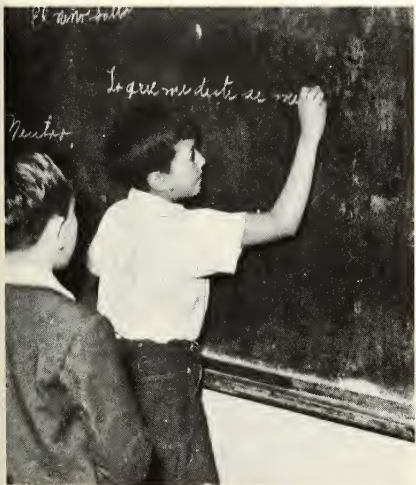
Mexico Mission Gives Boost to Education; Protestantism Grows

Education highlights recent reports coming from Disciples of Christ churches in Mexico.

Union Seminary in Mexico City is completing a \$90,000 school near suburban Chapultepec Park. The construction is the first unit on a new campus, and plans call for more classrooms, a chapel, a dormitory and faculty homes.

The Disciples of Christ conduct the seminary jointly with the Methodist and Congregational churches in Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Huegel are Disciples members of the faculty.

Colegio Ingles School, begun by missionaries at San Luis Potosi, graduated 29 students of the primary department last November. Seventeen graduates are Protestants, believed to be the largest percentage ever in one class. All others are from liberal Catholic homes.

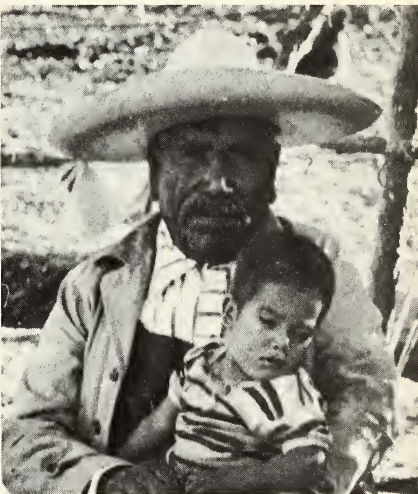


A pupil at Colegio Ingles, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, writes a Spanish grammar exercise.

A majority of the graduates now are studying in the secondary departments of the state university or the normal school.

Statistics compiled in the American Bible Society *Record* of October, 1953, estimate Protestant membership in Mexico as high as two million. A 1952 tabulation lists 974 churches of 35 Protestant affiliations.

For eighteen years, American and Canadian linguists have been developing written languages for 51 Mexican



A farmer who knows only primitive ways of farming can hope that literacy will make his son more successful and Bible-wise.

Indian tribes as preliminary steps for a program of education. The project has support of the General Director of Indian Affairs under Mexico's Department of Education. Bibles already have been published in eighteen of the dialects.

RSV Bible Sales Soar

The Revised Standard Version Bible sold 2,647,000 copies in the first seventeen months of publication. Announcing the figure, Dr. Luther A. Weigle, chairman of the Standard Bible Committee, said it is fortunate modern language Bibles are available now. Christian nations depend upon all being able to know God.

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Youth Choir rehearsal and Youth Lunch. Mrs. F. E. Morrical and Dr. Frederick O. Mackel will discuss the field of Nursing and the Field of Medicine as possible professions which young people may enter. There will be a chapel worship service and recreation.

CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP

"Learning God's Will for My Life" will be the discussion subject for the Chi Rho Fellowship next Sunday night. This group is composed of young people ages 12 and 13. Those in the Youth Choir will come for rehearsal at 5:30. Lunch will be served at 6:30.

CHI RHO CAMP AND HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE DATES ANNOUNCED

The following information is released for our Junior High young people and High School young people who will be attending Camp and Conference this summer. The dates are:

High School Conference—Lake Barbee—June 20-26

Cost: \$16.00 which includes all expenses except transportation and incidentals. The Education Department will share one-half of this cost which will leave \$8.00 to be paid by each young person.

CHI RHO CAMP—Lake Barbee—July 5-10

Cost: \$14.00 which includes all expenses except transportation and incidentals. The Education Department will share one-half of this cost which will leave \$7.00 to be paid by each young person.

Registration blanks can be obtained from Mr. Talbott.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Arthur Detz has been ill at her home, but is now improving.

Mrs. J. R. Coor is also a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Myrtle Strout is a patient in Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Linda Lou Welker is a patient in Room 247, Parkview Hospital.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Harold F. Hagans and her family in the recent tragic death of her husband. Mrs. Hagans is the daughter of Mrs. Ida Mae England.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. William R. Miller and family, in the recent death of their baby daughter, Deborah.

May God be with these folk in the dark days ahead.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers this week are the gift of Miss Dorothy Murphy in memory of her mother's birthday.

CHURCH CHOIRS

The Sanctuary Choir meets for rehearsal every Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. E. C. Schiller, director.

The Junior Choir meets for rehearsal every Wednesday afternoon at 4:30, Mrs. S. E. Merriman, Director.

The Youth Choir meets on Sunday afternoon at 5:30 for rehearsal under the direction of Robert E. Cocherille.

ON TO PENTECOST

EVERY GOOD CHRISTIAN cherishes the meeting about the Table of the Lord each Sunday.

EVERY INFORMED CHRISTIAN knows there are two ordinances, Baptism and The Lord's Supper.

EVERY ACTIVE CHRISTIAN recognizes his duty is to be in the Morning Worship Service where the Lord's Supper is celebrated.

EVERY CONSECRATED CHRISTIAN accepts this obligation and seeks to obey Christ's command to keep in remembrance His love and sacrifice.

"If A Man Love Me, he will keep My words." That is a statement of truth — not an exhortation. He will—not he should. You have the obligation. But essentially if you love Me, you will. Conversely, if you do not, your love is more a self-deceit than a reality. The measure of your love is **doing**.



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ABOUT

Paul said I know how to **abound**. A great word. To the Corinthians (who remind us of Fort Wayne's) Paul wrote, "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always **abounding** in the work of the Lord." What a pity, so many people never "abound;" they never thrill, never feel the surging lift of good health, of great music, of high ideals, of illuminating thoughts or some strong desire to do something exceptionally kind for somebody else. A man who won a family to Christ and His church came to his pastor radiant. He knew what the word **abound** meant.

ABIDE

How we appreciate "staying power" in the Church. Jesus said, (John, 15th Chapter) "Abide in Me". If you have joined the Church, do something about it. What good joining a fine church then slipping away from it. Make good — stick with the Church. Drive a stake and abide. You must win friends who have faith in you. Do some job especially well. To **abide** you must build your life into the institution. Of course, it takes time, energy, concentration. Jesus was talking strength "ABIDE" A rolling stone? Work at being a Church member. Stay with it. **ABIDE**

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:15 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Mrs. E. C. Schiller, Director of Music

Mr. Robert E. Cocherille, Director

Sermon: "Against A Background of Eternity"

Anthem: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"—Shelley

Sanctuary Choir

Anthem: "Prayer of Thanksgiving" Youth Choir

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

CHILDREN'S DAY — SUNDAY, JUNE 13

The annual Children's Day Program will be held at the 9:30 Church School hour on Sunday morning, June 13.

Youth Camps and Conferences Start Soon and Summer Program Grows

Chi Rho and CYF young people in camps and conferences this summer will set an attendance record, according to a trend established over several seasons.

Last year, 20,385 young people were in camps and conferences in the United States and Canada. Of the total, 9,627 attended senior conferences, and 10,758 were in junior high camps.

Theme for all camps and conferences, announced by International CYF president Howard Smith is "Lift Up My Eyes." The program is directed by James Ballinger of the United Christian Missionary Society youth work staff. Working with him are Russell Harrison and Charles Mills also of the youth work office.

Comparing to quests, the Angelus

LIFT UP MY EYES



—Black Star

and the triangle of Chi Rho camps, CYF advanced conferences have seminars, vespers and the friendship circle. In session for one week, each camp and conference is established according to recognized standards.

In 1953, campers came from 1,876 churches and conferees from 1,909 churches. Faculties were staffed by 2,989 church teachers, ministers and administrators.

Four British young people will attend American camps and conferences in 1954. British churches plan a conference program in 1955. The youth are sponsored by the International CYF Character Bond Fund.

An increasing number of American and Canadian churches include camps and conferences as major programs of their church schools.

Two hundred seventy-five schools for all grades are maintained by the United Christian Missionary Society in foreign missions and exclusive of union schools.

Public Program of World Council Assembly To Open With a Pageant

A pageant at Chicago's Soldier Field will open the second assembly of the World Council of Churches on Sunday evening, August 15. Soldier Field seats 100,000. All later sessions will meet in nearby Evanston at McGaw Memorial Hall of Northwestern University.

Public sessions include lectures, discussions, all assembly plenary sessions, art and photographic exhibits, and a special concert by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. A pre-assembly ecumenical institute will meet August 2-13 for church workers, ministers and lay men and women.



Thailand children sense it is back to books for them. The bulletin board announces opening of the first school above fourth grade level in the district of Sam Yek mission station.

Ainslie Lecture Given By Dr. M. P. Maury

Dr. M. Philippe Maury of Paris, France, delivered the sixth annual Peter Ainslie Memorial Lecture at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, on March 26.

Dr. Maury is secretary of the World Student Christian Federation and a well-known French Reformed churchman. The lectureship is conducted on subjects of Christian unity for which Dr. Maury spoke on "Christian Witness Among Intellectuals."

Sponsored by the Association for the Promotion of Christian Unity, an American organization, the lectures are held at various university centers in the Union of South Africa. They are administered by Dr. Basil Holt, Disciple minister, for the Association.

Former Ainslie lecturers are Sir George McLeod, the distinguished author Alan Paton, and Archbishop Clayton of Capetown.

During 1952, Christian Church leaders earned 8,264 leadership training credits.

A Modern Parable from Korea: Soldiers Have Christmas for Children

The truck lurched through chuck-holes, but the children in the back end hardly noticed it. From one of Seoul, Korea's more than a hundred orphanages, refugee waifs—seventy-three of them—were on their way.

Little did they realize that this day in the war-scarred Korean countryside they would feast with eleven hundred American GIs in their mess halls, pray with them during chapel services, and be showered with candy and presents. In the afternoon they would entertain the troops with Korean folk dances and songs.

This is the spirit of Christmas, 1953, written home by Disciples' chaplain Brady Brown from somewhere in Korea.

Not even the hardened unit knew that it would soon pool enough money to pay all school expenses for these children. No one suspected either that the men would collect clothes, food and fuel to send into town every week for them.

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GOALS for each CLASS and DEPARTMENT are as follows:

Nursery	\$ 4.00	Lakoda	\$ 8.00
Kindergarten	7.25	Progressive	25.00
Primary	8.75	Come Double	25.00
Lower Junior	10.00	Young Married	5.00
Upper Junior	10.00	Friendly	25.00
Junior High	10.00	Women	20.00
High School	8.00	Men	25.00

APPRECIATION TO PARENTS

The young people and their adult Counselors deeply appreciate the interest of parents who have provided lunches for the evening groups since last February.

FORT WAYNE COMMANDARY No. 4 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Knights Templar and their ladies will observe ASCENSION SUNDAY at our Morning Worship service at 10:30 o'clock this Sunday. A section in our church will be reserved.

Sir Wilfred H. Utterback is Eminent Commander, Sir C. D. Palmer, Generalissimo, Sir Stanley H. Putnam, Captain General, Sir Guy I. Wagner, Senior Warden, Sir Don Thrasher, Junior Warden.

The Bozian, the Ladies Auxiliary, officers are: Mrs. Don Thrasher, Worshipful President; Mrs. Stanley Putnam, First Vice-President; Mrs. W. H. Utterback, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Margaret Hamilton, Preceptress; Mrs. Earl Lyman, Treasurer. Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Secretary.

Our Pastor is past Eminent Commander of Washington Commandary No. 30 Knights Templar.

HIGH SCHOOL — JUNIOR HIGH YOUNG PEOPLE

All young people in these groups will meet at the Church 5:30 Sunday afternoon and go to Franke Park for a picnic.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL — Junior High Day Camp

Vacation Church School and Day Camp, June 14-25. Flyers will be distributed to the doors of all homes south of Rudisill Blvd.

Lower Junior Staff ages 8-9; Mrs. D. E. Munro, Supervisor; Teachers: Mrs. Jay Howell, Mrs. Frank Moody, Mrs. Wilbert North, Mrs. Harold Nordblom; Helper: Miss Alice Richard.

Mrs. L. A. Horn was omitted from the Primary Staff last week.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, 5827 Fernwood Dr. on Wednesday, June 2, at 12:30 P.M. for a carry-in dinner. Mrs. A. C. Worley is in charge of program assisted by Mrs. Dale Hiler, Mrs. Clover Branstrator, Mrs. Wilburn Whinery, Mrs. Laura Gildea. Devotions by Mrs. Dale Hiler.

The Nelson Circle will meet Wednesday, June 2 with Mrs. Carl Thomas, 1502 Elmrow Dr. at 7:30 P.M. Devotions will be given by Mrs. Olos Fox, the study by Mrs. Phillip Uhl.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, 1308 E. Wayne St. on Wednesday, June 2, at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Bertha Meyer will present the program.

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Joseph Siples, 1127 Charlotte St. on Thursday afternoon, June 3. Devotions by Mrs. Fred Wilson, the lesson by Mrs. Clayton Yoquelet.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet for a pot luck supper on Friday evening, 6:30 P.M., June 4th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Siples, 1127 Charlotte Ave. Husbands are invited.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Ashton will give flowers Sunday.

Thank You — Progressive Class

The Progressive Class has purchased a power lawn mower for the Church. This gift is greatly appreciated.

WEDDING BELLS

Wedding Bells recently for Mr. and Mrs. James E. Young, March 19; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Chapman, May 1; Mr. and Mrs. Powell A. Rayburn, May 14.

Our Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Delmos Young, Sylvan, Michael and Ardis Rose and their family in this time of sorrow.

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SUNDAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Church in the New Testament is sometimes pictured as a body and it is described as a building. The idea is that of a unified structure. There are many parts. Each part has a place into which it is fitted. No single unit has value apart from its function to the whole—and every part is necessary for the whole to support its function. Now the source of unity is Jesus Christ Himself. His control over our life is the test—we measure our spirit by His spirit.

This day is no time for timidity when the Church is attacked as it is today by forces of godless materialism. This is a time for each of us to accept and fulfill our obligations. How can we read the front page news any day and not have this hammered into our heads. Parents 50 years ago were concerned about the younger generation and they needed to be. There is concern today. Let us do something about it. Remember you are the Church! Are you Functioning?

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:15 A.M. Anthem: "Bless Us, O Lord" Hamblen
 Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist Sanctuary Choir
 Mrs. E. C. Schiller, Director of Music
 Sermon: "Facing Life's Limitations" Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Our Church School is organized to meet the needs and interest of each age level. There are well planned departments for children, young people and Classes for adults. Plans are underway to make the Fall program, opening on September 12 with Promotion Day for children and young people, a significant one.

The Church School will carry a full program throughout the Summer months.

YOUNG PEOPLE WILL HAVE ANNUAL PICNIC

All High School and Junior High Young People along with their adult counselors will have their annual picnic at Pokagon State Park next Sunday, June 6. Cars will leave the church at 1:00 o'clock. All young people are invited.

CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM, JUNE 13

The Annual Children's Day program will be held Sunday morning beginning at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. All members of the Church School are urged to be in their classes and Departments by 9:15 so that attendance can be taken and the

Men's Forum — Father-Son Banquet — Sunday, June 13th



Pictured is All Peoples Church and Community Center, Los Angeles, a home mission.

All Peoples Church To Receive Capital For Kingdom Building

All Peoples Church and Community Center is the 1954 *Capital for Kingdom Building* project of the National Christian Missionary Convention of Negro Christian Churches and of the Christian Churches of Iowa. The project calls for \$18,000 by June 30, 1954.

Located in Los Angeles, California, All Peoples Church and Community Center serves a cosmopolitan neighborhood. It is one of six institutional missions of the United Christian Missionary Society and reports a membership of 216 in the 1953 Disciples of Christ yearbook. Rev. Dan Genung is pastor.

Capital for Kingdom Building is a finance program of Disciples of Christ churches to build hospitals, schools, residences, churches and other urgently needed facilities of missions. The project for All Peoples Church and Community Center will renovate the parsonage and other staff residences.

Local churches, Sunday schools, women's groups, men's groups and youth groups are enlisting in the project. Mr. Emmett J. Dickson supervises *Capital for Kingdom Building* for the

National Convention and Mr. Loren Lair for the Iowa Christian Missionary Society. Mr. Ira J. Paternoster is national coordinator for the United Christian Missionary Society.

Mid-West Alcohol Conference in June

The department of social action of the United Christian Missionary Society recently announced a conference on alcoholic problems to be held June 21-25 at Christian College, Columbia, Missouri.

In extending invitations to all interested persons and churches, Dr. James A. Crain, department executive secretary, added that this is not a conference "to thresh over old straw."

Dr. Crain commented that this conference may prove to be the most important development in the field of alcohol education among the Disciples of Christ since the repeal of national prohibition twenty years ago.

A Modern Parable From The Congo: Pagan Gives Son to Christianity

She was a witch. That was why when the "nsamba" test proved fatal to her, the whole Congolese tribe, including her own husband, rejoiced.

Recently several close relatives in the husband's family died, and to every native it was obvious a witch was casting fatal spells. Three women suspects including the wife were compelled to take poison. "Nsamba!" Two recovered. The third, the wife, died. She was the witch.

The husband no longer wanted her child, so gave it to the Mondombe Christian mission station.

DSF Contest for WCC Delegates; Ecclesia And Conference Set

The Disciples Student Fellowship is conducting a nation-wide campus contest to secure its second representative to the World Council of Churches assembly this summer. Later the annual DSF Ecclesia and Conference gets underway at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

The world assembly meets August 15-31 at Evanston, Illinois, and the DSF meetings convene at College Camp, August 29-September 4.

The contest winner will join national DSF vice-president Kenneth Henry in an all-expenses-paid week in Evanston. Thirteen other winners will receive partial expenses to a United Student Christian Council seminar being held in conjunction with the world assembly. World Council DSF representatives will also attend the seminar and later report to the Ecclesia and Conference.

Five hundred college students are ex-

pected to attend the Lake Geneva meetings. Plenary sessions of the Ecclesia will establish a future DSF program and elect national officers.

Professor Howard E. Short of College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky, will be conference chaplain. Principal speakers and leaders in addition to national DSF cabinet members are Dr. Robert Tobias, recently of the staff of the World Council of Churches, Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward, executive secretary for Latin American missions of the United Christian Missionary Society, Dr. Jack Finegan, author of *Youth Asks About Religion* and many other books, and Dr. Lester G. McAllister of Bethany College, West Virginia.

Two air tours to Caribbean mission stations are scheduled by the United Christian Missionary Society. One tour will precede the International Convention; the other will follow it. Each tour will last for ten days.

Disciples Student Fellowship national president, Newton Fowler, standing, presents a point for discussion to the Ecclesia executive committee planning the summer program.



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special Missionary offering received preceding the program. The offering received by each Class and Department will be dedicated as a part of the Children's Day.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Flyers announcing the Vacation Church School will be left at all homes in the area of the Church next Saturday, June 5, by the members of our Junior and Junior High departments. Registration for the school will be held on the opening day.

The Staff of the Upper Junior Department, ages 10 and 11, will be, Mrs. Robert T. Beck, supervisor, Mrs. Jack Kelly, Mrs. Charles Ludwig, Mrs. Ralph Bogan, Mrs. Jefferson Young. We will need a man or woman each day of Vacation School to provide transportation for some of the teachers, helpers and children. Anyone not employed mornings, and will volunteer a car, please call Mrs. Morrical, H-75473, or Mr. Talbott, or Church office.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington Ave., on Monday evening, June 7, at 7:30. Program by Mrs. M. S. Kreps, Devotions by Mrs. Ernest Kattas. **Please note change in date.**

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. Stanley Cole, 3932 Lillie St. Tuesday evening, June 8, at 7:30. Miss M. E. Shockney is the co-hostess.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 6, John Z. Berlien
" 13, Gail J. Roe
" 20, James R. Shockney
" 27, Henry M. Flowers

Preston H. Somers
Harold W. Crowder
Floyd E. Morrical
Glenn R. Miller

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Captain, Harold K. Pritchard, A-26712; J. Hugh Tracey, Robert E. Working, Clarence Hendrickson, Ralph J. Richard, Kenneth V. Lytle, Dr. R. W. Goebel, A. Howard Wise, Meldren S. Kreps, Everett W. Evans, John C. Cole, Thomas D. Eddleman, Charles W. Staley. If unable to serve, please call your Captain.

The Official Board meets Tuesday evening, June 8, at 7:45: Church Parlor.

STATE CONVENTION NOTES

There were 3,167 registered at the State Convention at Evansville, Indiana. Our Pastor was elected to the Board of Directors of the Indiana Missionary Association for a term of three years. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly's son was made a member of a committee chosen to make a study of the program of the state organizations.

THE PARKING LOT

Homer Koomler's bulldozer has spread the foundation for our parking lot. We are informed that the plan calls for space for over 200 cars to park. The Chairman of our Board of Deacons, J. Hugh Tracey, is pushing this to completion.

HAIL TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

From various schools in our City and County our young people are graduating this month. We salute them and congratulate them. Best of good wishes to each of them. Those graduating, whose names have been received in the Church office are: Miss Carole Truby, Miss Sally Hirschy, Miss Barbara Allen, Miss Gloria Jeanette Clendenen, Miss Janet McFarland, Miss Sandra Harris, Jack Kern, David Crebb, Bruce Evans, Harold Reynolds and Larry Green.

CHOIRS

We are having good music and faithful attendance of our choirs. The High School Choir, directed by Robert E. Cocherille, sang for the last time before Summer vacation. Mrs. E. C. Schiller, director of the Sanctuary Choir, will lead us for the next two Sundays. She will then attend Northwestern University where she has matriculated for the Summer refresher courses. Mrs. Solon Merriman directs the Junior Choir.

NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker have just returned from a visit to Mr. Baker's nephew who is studying to become a physician.

The Friday Morning Prayer Group meets at the Y.M.C.A. each Friday morning at seven thirty o'clock for breakfast and prayer. They disband promptly at 8:30 o'clock. Paul Strawser heads this program this year. Any may attend these breakfasts. The fellowship is unusual.

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SUPPORTING THE CHURCH

A Pastor was telling of his Church which had 96 members. Yet every Sunday an old man took the roster of the church and checked up on those who had paid that day. If anyone was behind, he sent a post card (not a dun, which is unlawful on such a card) with a verse of most suggestive scripture. That Church carried a remarkable budget and sustained a good pastor.

The Secret: **Everybody gave.**

The "Honor Roll" came because interested Church leaders desired to reward those who sustained the Church. It does not indicate the amount (each person has his own limitations) but it most certainly indicates **interest**. Every Church member is a confessed Christian who dedicated his life to Christ and His Church. Therefore every true Church member **will want to do his or her part, gladly and generously.**

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:15 A.M.

Anthem: "Living For Jesus"

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Sanctuary Choir

Mrs. E. C. Schiller, Director of Music

Sermon: "The Source of Goodness"

Preacher: Minister

SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE CHILDREN

This traditional service will be observed this Sunday. Parents having small children bring babies this Sunday. The parents should be in the Church Parlor not later than 11:15 A.M. where certificates will be filled in. There is a booklet for each child for his baby book and a rose is also presented. This is in no sense an ordinance or a baptism. The congregation and pastor pray for the babies and parents after they have promised to raise their children in a Christian home. And God's blessing is asked for them.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Former Missionary Returns To Congo To Visit

After 43 years absence from Belgian Congo, Dr. Royal J. Dye, a pioneer missionary, returned last November for a visit lasting two and one-half months. His expenses paid by a friend, Dr. Dye flew from Los Angeles to the Congo



On his visit, Dr. Dye poses with a witch doctor and recalls the struggles to win natives.

and travelled 2,000 miles among mission stations.

One impression Dr. Dye received was the way business and the Congo government seek to employ Christian-trained natives. Their integrity and ability, he explains, make them desirable citizens and leaders.

Dr. Dye and his wife were missionaries in the Congo from 1899 to 1911 and pioneered the Bolenge station. During the recent visit, he delivered the twenty-fifth anniversary baccalaureate address at Congo Christian Institute at Bolenge. His ability to still speak the Lonkundo dialect fluently was a joy to old friends wherever he went.

Dr. Dye describes the natives of a half-century ago as naked and publicly



Forty-three years changes things—some definitely improved. Shown is part of the men's surgical ward of Mondombe hospital.

immoral. It was a job for religion and education, and now there are 80,000 Christians, including 5,000 baptized just last year, and 241 schools now enroll 8,000 students every year.

To combat sickness and death in the early days, Dr. Dye reminisces, natives relied on witch doctors with charms, rattles and mummeries. Today the Disciples have five hospitals and five dispensaries caring for 125,000 patients annually.

In 1899, a 200-mile train trip took two days and cost \$100. Today the trip is less than a day and costs \$20. A greater contrast Dr. Dye describes is a 650-mile river boat voyage that required two full weeks. Airplanes hop it in three hours now.

The Congo government is "wide awake," Dr. Dye says. It starts natives with palm trees from which they sell palm oil to industry and keep the profit themselves. It also gives them legal protection from being exploited.

"But most of all," Dr. Dye emphasizes, "I saw the remarkable growth of the churches and was proud and happy."

Missionary Chosen for *Who's Who*; Other People in the News

People dominated the news of *Highlights* bulletin reporting the March meeting of The United Christian Missionary Society board of trustees.

Miss Hertercene Turner, missionary to Mexico, has been selected for *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. She has been studying at Mexico City College, Mexico City, D.F.

The honorary Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred March 4 on Donald F. West of the United Society staff. The degree was given by Chapman College, Los Angeles, California, which Mr. West attended as an undergraduate student. For the United Society, he supervises missions in India, Thailand and the Philippines.

A director of men's work and rural church work has been added to the staff of the North Carolina Christian Missionary Society. He is Mr. Frank Wibirol, formerly of Poestenkill, New York.

Mrs. Leith Wright, secretary of women's work in Canada since 1946, died suddenly in February. Services were held in Toronto, Ontario, with interment at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Mr. John Frye was instructor for an evangelism campaign in February at All Peoples Church, Los Angeles, California. The membership of 250 was swelled by 82 new members, 41 by baptism and 41 by transfer from other churches. Mr. Frye is on the staff of the department of church development and evangelism of the United Society.

Mr. William H. Erskine, an early leader in the ecumenical movement in Japan, died in Washington, D.C., in

February. Mr. Erskine was a teacher, preacher and missionary in Japan for 21 years beginning in 1904.

Chicago Church Bureau Aids Courts for Youth

A casework agency working with delinquent boys has been set up by the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, Illinois. With four professional social workers, the Youth Service Bureau cooperates with the social service departments of Boys' Court, Family Court and other courts dealing with young people in Chicago.

The bureau serves boys 12 through 21 years of age of Protestant and Orthodox background and of any racial, nationality or cultural group. Expanding the Boys' Court Service begun in 1918, the bureau operates in the courts as a part of church work with all youth. Cooperation is offered to parents also.

Mr. William H. Robinson, director of the bureau, said the churches have a duty to prevent delinquency and to give help to adolescents.

Filipino women presented gifts of pictures to Tagalog pastors. Framing the pictures are Mrs. Louisa Jose and Mrs. Nieves Carino.



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CHILDREN'S DAY NEXT SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 13th, IS CHILDREN'S DAY. There will be a special program in Fellowship Hall beginning promptly at 9:30 o'clock. ALL CHILDREN, PARENTS, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL ARE URGED TO ARRIVE at 9:15 so as to get attendance records and offerings cared for in each Class and Department before going to Fellowship Hall at 9:30.

Each Class and Department will present its Missionary Offering.

DAY CAMP FOR JUNIOR HIGH YOUNG PEOPLE

A Day Camp will be held for all Junior High young people and their friends paralleling the Vacation School — same time, same days. The Day Camp will feature interesting work projects and field trips to visit other churches. There will be discussion and Bible study periods, recreation, a morning lunch and worship.

Mrs. Aden Current is the Supervisor. Teachers are: Mrs. Jim Griffin, Mrs. Clarence Hendrickson, Mrs. Harry Wilson.

SUMMER CAMP AND CONFERENCE

Registration blanks for camps and conferences are now in the hands of our young people. All blanks and dues must be sent in this week. Junior High Camp is from July 5-10. Cost is \$14.00. High School Conference is June 20-26. Cost is \$16.00. THE CHURCH SCHOOL WILL PAY ONE-HALF OF THE COST FOR EACH YOUNG PERSON.

There will be a commissioning service June 20th.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Women's Fellowship **General Meeting** will be a carry-in dinner at 6:30 P.M. Tuesday evening, June 15 in Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Eural Rose will give the devotions, Miss Betty Moore will furnish the special music. Installation of Officers will be conducted by Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad. Annual Reports will be presented from all Circles. Hospitality—Dr. Higdon Circle, The Montgomery Circle is in charge of arrangements for the dinner. Please bring your own table service.

The Esther Circle will meet on Monday evening, June 14 for a carry-in dinner at 6:30 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Robert J. Donohue, 2724 Hoagland Ave. Mrs. Albert Egly in charge of program.

MEN'S FORUM — FATHER-SON BANQUET

Sunday, June 13, 5 to 7 P.M.

R. Nelson Snider, principal of South Side High School will be the guest speaker at the Men's Forum Father-Sons Banquet next Sunday evening, June 13, from 5 to 7 P.M. The Central High School Boys Quartet, composed of Michael Milligan, Leo Daniels, Ed. Hiker, and Felix Younger, will bring special music under the direction of Miss Verna Mae Zeigler. Miss Bonnie Fusselman will accompany them on the piano. Tickets are \$1.00 for Father and one son, 50c for each additional son. Mr. John Merrill is in charge of tickets. **Reservations should be in not later than Friday evening.** Please call Mr. Merrill, H-57243 or Mr. Crowder, H-15675.

THOSE AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Merl Teeters is a patient in Parkview Hospital, room 246.

Mrs. Alice Varner has suffered a broken hip and is a patient in St. Joseph's.

Mrs. Wanda Jean Menke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Follis, is under observation in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. J. R. Coar is still seriously ill and a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sympathy to Mr. R. Blaine Jones in the recent loss of his mother. Also, our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Robert J. Donohue in the death of her mother. May God comfort these folk in their sorrow.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers last Sunday, June 6, were the gift of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Mote in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Mr. Paul Strawser is the donor of the Chancel flowers for this Sunday, given in memory of his father.

CONGRATULATIONS

Miss Lu Ann Allen graduates from Indiana University; Miss Elizabeth Evans, in Nurses' Training, from Northwestern University, and Mrs. James Crouse from DePauw University.



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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Today is your day and mine — The only day we have. If we are to be Christian, today is the only day we have to express the spirit of Christ. We believe in worship, in being reverent, in devotion. Today is the only day in which we play our part. We may not understand the great whole of life. But we are here for our part and now is our time. We know our part is not the part of whining. It is a part of action. Cynicism cannot express our part — our part is the part of love. In Church the channels are open to play our part — in material of human helpfulness.

SUMMER SERVICES

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:05 A.M.	Special Music
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist	
Sermon: "The Great Refusal"	Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

THE ENTIRE CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT 9:15 (the usual Summer schedule) next Sunday, June 20. The closing time is 10:00 o'clock. The Church School will continue to start at 9:15 throughout next year.

IT ISN'T TOO LATE TO REGISTER

It isn't too late to register for the second week of the Vacation Church School. Work begins again next Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock. One-hundred, seventy three pupils and forty-five adult leaders were enrolled on the opening day. We express our appreciation to many persons who have rendered a unique service to the school through office and secretarial work, transportation, lunches, building equipment. They are: Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mrs. Glenn Butler, Mrs. Kenneth Johnston, Mrs. Eural Rose, Mr. Paul Strawser, Mr. Hugh Tracey, Mr. Harold Sands, Mr. Jack Cooney. Additional staff persons are: Miss Arlene Smell, Miss Barbara Griffith, Mrs. Clair Buskirk, Mrs. Lois Brubaker, Mrs. Harold Sands, Mrs. Chester Marchant, Mrs. Battle Miller, Miss Bonnie Fusselman.



Family life is different in a fourth floor apartment than on a farm. How does the church help city homes? A study in home missions is just beginning on "The City."

The City, an Asphalt Jungle, Is New Study In Home Missions

Cities now hold sixty-four per cent of the population of the United States, and they are the subject of studies in home missions for the next six months in many churches.

"These areas are the greatest mission fields in America," says Miss Muriel Watkins, director of adult work in the department of missionary education of The United Christian Missionary Society.

Persons living in cities face many difficult situations including apartment house living conditions, and people moving into cities from rural and small-town America find many changes have to be made in their ways of living.

Among Christian Churches, "The City" will be studied by Christian Women's Fellowships, men's groups, youth groups and children's classes.

Under city conditions, the church

fills a peculiar need of its people. As a study, "The City" shows a side of the church that has been little known before now.

Two More Disciples To World Assembly

Argentina and Mexico will include Disciples of Christ in their delegations to the World Council of Churches assembly in August. They are Mr. Paul Andress, American missionary at Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Sr. Daniel Lopez de Lara, Christian Church minister at San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Mr. Andress will represent the Argentina Confederation of Evangelical Churches and Sr. Lopez de Lara the Evangelical Council of Mexico.

Following the world assembly, several foreign leaders will tour America making speeches. Requests are being scheduled by the New York office of the World Council. Speaking topics are ecumenical affairs and foreign churches.

Home Science Course at Sumankhetan School in India Is a Success

The new "tenth class" is proving to be a good addition to the Sumankhetan School for girls at Pendra Road, M.P., India. Miss Veda Harrah, superintendent, explains the simple purpose of the class is "to teach girls to make better homes with better gardens."

Following an experimental curriculum, the class is a home science course and does not seek to be accredited by the government.

Cutting by pattern was a new art introduced in the clothing course this year. Working with good facilities, the



Dormitory living is home science practice. Miss Harrah, at right, helps girls buy food for their cottage. They do all house work.

students learned to sew from patterns they created themselves.

The progress was reported in a mimeographed letter to friends from Miss Harrah, who said the girls are "older and more mature. They grasp more quickly the meaning of home science."

For a week, the cooking class experimented with multi-purpose food received from the Meals for Millions relief project. Good results were then

shared with girls in the dormitory cottages and used in preparing meals.

As laboratory experience in child care, the girls assisted in the community nursery, and for gardening practice they tended the school garden.

Men Plan New Work

Christian churches in 13 states employ men's workers reports the National Laymen's Advisory Commission meeting in Indianapolis, April 9-11.

Men from 33 states attended the meeting which considered state level work, world mission problems, program, and projected schools of churchmanship.

A Modern Parable from Argentina: She Doesn't Miss Announcements Now

Many announcements made from pulpits in Argentina can be traced to the work of Mrs. Maria Celia Font, who is chairman of women's work among Disciples of Christ there.

But there was a time when she never even heard church announcements. As a young bride, she and her husband always left Sunday morning worship right after the sermon. To them, the church program was exclusively formal worship. They never heard about the rest.

Later, the couple lived in the parsonage for awhile, and just living in a church house led from one unusual event to another. An afternoon tea for church women really started Mrs. Font in the Christian Women's Fellowship.

When the 1951 hurricane destroyed churches in Jamaica, Mrs. Font joined other church women sending money to help rebuild. This sharing put her on the way to fuller Christian commitment.

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BIBLES FOR OUR CHILDREN

"Bibles For Our Children" is a project for the summer months. We hope to have placed in the hands of our older children, Junior High and High School young people, some 45 Revised Standard Version Bibles by next September 12. These Bibles will be for use in church school classes only. Each Bible costs \$3.00. Anyone wishing to purchase a Bible and have their name engraved as the donor please contact Mr. Talbott or church school leaders in the Lower and Upper Junior, Junior High and High School Departments.

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Young People who will be attending Chi Rho Camp and High School conference this Summer will participate in a commissioning service at the worship hour next Sunday. These young people will be seated together.

PROGRESSIVE PICNIC — THURSDAY, JUNE 24

The Progressive Class picnic, which was to have been held on June 20th, has been postponed and will be held at Foster Park, Pavilion No. 1, on Thursday evening, June 24 at 6 o'clock. Bring covered dish, and sandwiches. Coffee will be furnished.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to express the best of good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Monte Glenn Miller on the birth of a baby daughter, Pamela Anne, born on June 8th. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller are the proud grandparents.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Grayston Cripe in the recent loss of her mother.

AMONG THE SICK

Mrs. Olive Roy fell last week and suffered a broken wrist.
Mrs. Wilbur Whinery is ill at her home, 114 Esmond St.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Munro and Keith on the birth of a little son and brother, Bruce Arden. Bruce was born on June 10, 1954. Mrs. Florence Munro is the proud grandmother.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel flowers this week are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Eural G. Rose, honoring their wedding anniversary.

CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS

Certificates of Indebtedness are being offered to our people, not on a gift basis, but interest bearing with the greatest security, the Christian people carrying out their Christian work.

GONE INTO SERVICE

Donald Richhart has been called into the Service. Mr. Richhart is the son of Mrs. Ethel Richhart and grandson of Mr. J. J. McCarel. 1st Lieut. Joseph B. Carney has been transferred to The Judge Advocate General School at Charlottesville, Va.

SERVICE OF BLESSING OUR BABIES

The babies who were blessed last Sunday are: John Joseph Bowker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowker; Ruth Anne Eyer, daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Eyer; Sarah Rebecca Banet, daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Banet; Rhonda Sue and Randy Cline Carr, twin babies of Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Carr.



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THINK! THINK!

A philosopher as early as the eleventh century faced unbelievers with this illustration. Some ink is spilled over a sheet of paper. It is not conceivable that the flow of ink, on its own account, will direct and arrange itself into coherent and legible writing. By a similar process of reasoning, we cannot assume that the universe could be the result of aimless chance. Purpose is manifest and there must have been great wisdom at work. A philosopher of the 12th century was asked "If God is all knowing, omnipotent, omnipresent, why doesn't He rid the world of evil at once." He replied, "God certainly knows what is to be, but has left man to work out his own destiny."

Our Lord has shown us the ways and means of working out our destiny. His example is recorded, "as was his habit" he attended the House of God regularly.

How can thinking people neglect God and His Church. The answer is "They are not thinking when they do." THINK!

SUMMER SCHEDULE

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:05 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

SERMON: "If You Art It"

Special Music

Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Soloist

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

The Summer schedule for the Church began last Sunday. THE TIME IS FROM 9:15 to 10:00 o'clock. There will be leadership provided for all children's and Youth classes. Adult classes are providing for an excellent lesson each Sunday from either the regular teacher or a guest teacher.

ATTENTION—ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

All Junior High and High School young people, adult leaders are invited to a picnic at Lake Barbee next Sunday, June 27. Cars will leave the church immediately following the Morning Worship.

Christians already were directing their

own program.

According to the March, 1954, *Leaven*, a United Society bulletin, in

1952 foreign missions of the United

Society included 2,071 staff members

who are nationals, natives of their re-

spective countries. Themselves products

of Christian missions, many nationals

now will administer their own church

affairs.

Chaplains Program in Korea Stresses Relief

The six-point program of the chap-

laincy in Korea, writes chaplain Vernon

F. Kulłowatz, shows an exaggerated

peak at humanitarian service. To Mr.

Carl Boyd of The United Christian

Missionary Society committee on mili-

tary and veterans services, he says civil-

ian needs "defy description" and the

relief situation has reached "gigantic

proportions."

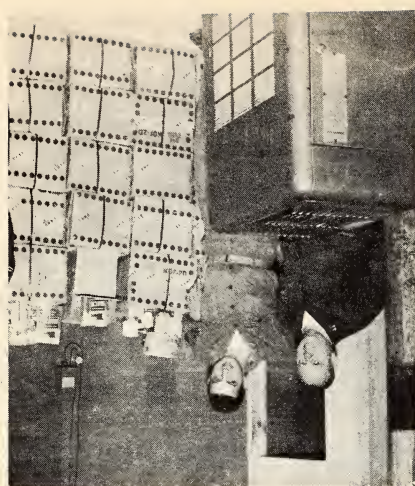
Chaplain Franklin T. Gosser of Fayetteville,

N. C., and Sfc. Leonard F. Yost, Berkeley

Army Welfare Committee, 8206th AU, Kor-

ean Base Section, will give to orphanages.

—U. S. Army photo



United Society Gives Autonomy to Three Foreign Missions

The transfer of administration of three foreign missions by The United Christian Missionary Society to their own leadership is underway. The missions are Mexico, Japan and the Philippines where native leadership is adequate to take over more responsibility with continuing help of missionaries.



Pictured is Dr. Samuel Magbul-Masih of Takhapur, India, a Christian mission leader.

In the future, the United Society will relate its work to church conventions and organizations of these nations rather than supervise direct mission stations. However, American missionaries will continue at their present locations as partners and consultants.

A national Christian Church convention and organization is already functioning in Mexico, and Disciples in Japan and the Philippines are cooperating in united church movements.

Previously only the China mission had acquired autonomy. That move came before the rise of the Chinese People's Republic. Later when foreign missionaries were expelled, Chinese

Three Vacation Bible Schools in Paraguay Show Increases

Vacation Bible schools in Paraguay showed increases during the past summer. Schools were held just before Christmas as December is a summer month in South America.

Daily average attendance at each school in Asuncion, the capital city, was 30 children with a one-day high of 47 at Friendship Mission, but many children expected to attend were absent because of vacation work. Illustrative of the schools, the Friendship Mission school convened 7-9 A. M.

The ten-day school at Friendship Mission was held December 7-20. Not unlike American vacation Bible schools, Christian teachings were conveyed through story-telling, crafts, worship, Bible contests and drama.

Gold Key to Missionary

The annual "Gold Key" award of Mexico City College was given this spring to Miss Hettercene Turner, a Disciples missionary to Mexico.

Miss Turner receives a master's degree in Latin American history this summer. The key recognizes the outstanding student of the year.

The school at Barrio Colon church secured new church members to assist in leadership. A closing nativity pageant drew 300 persons to Friendship Mission, and at the Peru Street church Bible school, one mother, bringing her children, stayed to help teachers.

American missionaries supervising the vacation Bible schools are Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Gilchrist, Miss Margaret Stainton, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mills and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Spice.



Summer Bible School is so close to the new year at Coronel Oviedo, Paraguay, that children make religious calendars. Shown is Mrs. Annamae Adams helping staple pads together.

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ATTEND CAMP AND CONFERENCE

Sixteen young people from our church will attend the Summer training program at Lake Barbee this Summer. Those attending are: June 20-26: Alice Richard, Dale Hiler, June 27 - July 3: Martha Beck, Barbara Griffith, Bonnie Fusselman, Bernadine Bogan, July 5 - 10: Carolyn Cline, Loralie Herr, Arlene Smell, Roberta Baimgartner, Merle Rice, Robert Young, John Young, Steven Tracey, Robin Miller, Delbert Deckard.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL CLOSING NIGHT PROGRAM—THIS FRIDAY NIGHT — 7:30

FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAM

The annual Family Night program closing the Vacation Church School will be held on Friday evening, June 25 at 7:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The parents and all friends of the church are cordially invited to attend the open house viewing the exhibits which have been made by the boys and girls during the past two weeks in the various class rooms.

Following the program in which each class will participate there will be a tea. Ladies having charge are: Mrs. Paul Truby, Mrs. Don Eyer, Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mrs. William Tracey, Mrs. Clay Orchard, Mrs. Owen Vaught.

CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS

Foelber-Patterson's men with men from our church are calling on our members. The response is MOST GRATIFYING. It is what our leaders, who know our congregation, expected. Our people consistently do not take their church obligations lightly. That is one reason God is blessing our Church. All of us will give these men who are working for us a courteous and gracious hearing and reception. The chairman of our Trustees, Mr. Sherman G. Myers says, "This is a must for each of us who love the Church." He says further, "this is not a gift but a loan to the Church you love."

CONGRATULATIONS

A new baby girl, Susan Jean, was born June 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Pinney. Mr. James Rupel is the proud father of a new little son. We wish to extend congratulations to these fine people.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. LeRoy Timbrook in the recent loss of her sister, Mrs. H. A. Woods.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Ross E. Cross is a patient in Room 263 Lutheran Hospital.

CHURCH HONOR ROLL

The Church Honor Roll will be published next week. It will include names of those who have paid up pledges through June 27th.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The new officers for 1954-1955 installed last Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship are: President, Mrs. Owen Vaught; First Vice-President, Mrs. Henry M. Flowers; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Earl T. Fusselman; Treasurer, Mrs. E. T. Eiler; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Paul Truby; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Hugh D. Rice; Chairman, Department of Study, Mrs. Fred H. Wilson; Chairman, Department of Worship, Mrs. Charles Dare; Chairman, Department of Service, Mrs. Floyd E. Morrical. Group leaders: Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Mrs. Eural G. Rose, Mrs. Kenneth Fairfield, Mrs. James Bartholomew, Mrs. Paul Clendenen, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mrs. Marion Favory, Miss Mildred Hutchinson.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

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SUNDAY IS JULY 4th

Our Country was founded and settled by people who believed in the Christian religion as expressed in Protestantism. The Declaration of Independence is shot through and through with high value of every individual. If ever there was a time to throw out creedal tests and rituals and the like as barriers to Christian fellowship it is now. The need is for a Church of the Living God into which all people may come who love God, as revealed in Jesus Christ. Character, not creeds, should be made supreme. It is ridiculous and not far from criminal for members of one Church to discriminate or be excluded from members of another. "Equality before God and man is American and Christian."

The weakness of too many Protestant Churches is there are so few workers. A survey was made of one church of 1,000 members. Actually only 50 people were found who were doing any creative work. Three-fourths of the rest paid but did not work. One-fourth didn't even pay; never thought of doing anything. Are you a worker, a jerker or a shirker? Do you complain of the lack of accomplishments? Are you one who does no honest, definite, constant work — This is the 4th of July — Where do you stand — Have all our patriots found us slothful, unappreciative of courage and devotion. Come to Church, live as a Citizen of America, fearless, honest, loyal.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:05 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Sermon: "Join The Great"

Special Music

Mrs. Richard Baldwin, Soloist

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Be in your classes each Sunday. Bring your Summer guests with you.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN CAMP AND CONFERENCE THIS SUMMER

Two of our High School young people returned last Saturday from Barbee Christian Camp after attending conference. They were Alice Richard and Dale Hiler. High School young people returning this Saturday from a week's conference are: Martha Beck, Bernadine Bogan, Bonnie Fusselman and Barbara Griffith. Junior Highs attending Chi Rho Camp July 5 - 10 at Barbee are: Carolyn Cline, Arlene Smell, Roberta Baumgardner, Loralie Herr, Steven Tracey, Robert Young, John Young, Merle Rice, Delbert Deckard, Jr., Robin Miller.



Gutted by fire, Sei Gakuin junior high school in Tokyo, Japan, faces cost of new building.

Reformation Is Not Complete Says New Book

The Unfinished Reformation, by C. C. Morrison and published in 1953, maintains that the Reformation begun in the sixteenth century is still underway. Dr. Morrison shows that the spirit and thinking of the earlier reformers spurs the present cooperation among churches.

In a review, Dr. Howard Elmo Short comments that the Church of Christ is in "impotent invisibility" now because "its function is usurped by the 'churches.' After four and a half centuries, the reformation is still unfinished."

The book tells Protestants the major problems of their religious movement and suggests steps to be taken next.

The Bethany Bookstore in St. Louis is reputed to be the largest exclusively religious bookstore west of the Mississippi River, according to the Christian Board of Publication in the 1953 Disciples of Christ Yearbook.

Fire Destroys Tokyo Mission School

Sei Gakuin junior high school in Tokyo was demolished by fire the evening of March 11. Defective wiring was blamed for the blaze which broke out while about 20 teachers were grading papers in the building. They escaped uninjured.

The school was founded in 1906 by Disciples of Christ missionaries and now enrolls nearly 1,000 boys in the junior and senior high units. The boys schools share a campus with the Margaret K. Long School for girls.

School records were saved from the fire, however, in addition to school facilities, the chapel and three living quarters in the building were total losses.

The razed building had been condemned by the Tokyo fire department, but high expected costs prohibited replacing it. While immediate rebuilding now is necessary, Mr. Kenneth Hendricks, secretary of the Disciples mission in Japan, said construction costs still will be excessive.

A Modern Parable from America: a Bank Check

The signature on every bank check includes the term "trustee." For years, a Christian layman and his Christian wife have maintained a Lord's treasury, and from this tithe of their income, they keep up payments into the Lord's work.

After generous gifts to the local church, any balance of the fund is disbursed each six months or year to national and state Brotherhood causes.

Because each check is drawn on the Lord's treasury, it is signed "T. G. Braden, trustee."

International Politics Keep the Peace, Harsh Tells Churchmen

Churchmen attending a seminar in the nation's capital in February saw some of the hottest government issues of the early year break out. They were also addressed by Joseph C. Harsh, chief of the Washington Bureau of the *Christian Science Monitor*, who said each nation is involved in international affairs in so many ways that while it threatens on some issues, it is checked through others it does not control.

During the seminar, the McCarthy-Stevens dispute exploded, the Bricker amendment was defeated as was its alternative George version, and the House Un-American Activities appropriation was cut.

Held February 23-26, the Interdenominational Churchmen's Washington Seminar drew 300 people from over the nation. Included were 27 Disciples of Christ men and women, according to the *Social Action News-*

Letter of The United Christian Missionary Society.

Speaking on "Religious Motivation for Political Concern," the Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Jr., dean of Washington Cathedral, opened the seminar. Later speeches were on the policy-making process of Congress, U. S. foreign problems, American ideals, and the United Nations.

In ten workshop groups, churchmen visited legislators and committees to discuss government and politics. They also visited in government bureaus. Among leaders interviewed were interior secretary McKay and Rep. Harold Velde.

At a Wednesday evening dinner, Mr. Harsh said complex international politics keep relative peace. Illustrating with Albania, he said the small Balkan nation is safe because any move against it will create disputes among Greece, Yugoslavia and Italy for spoils. No country wants to risk this conflict.

To close the seminar on Friday, the Disciples delegation had a dinner at National City Christian Church and were addressed by Sen. J. William Fulbright.

Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, Texas, serves a community of 17,000 people. Rated second most important settlement house in the state, it has a strong adult education program.



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ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE

The next outing for our young people will be held on Sunday evening, July 11 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical. This outing will include both High School, Junior High young people and their adult counselors.

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Our church is deeply grateful to the director, Mrs. F. E. Morrical; to all Department supervisors, teachers and helpers who made the Vacation Church School successful. Suggestions are already being made for the 1955 school.

One hundred-sixty one pupils were enrolled. There were fifty-eight teachers and helpers making a total of two hundred-nineteen. Over 200 attended the Family night program on June 25th.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

July 4	Eural G. Rose — Cecil Rice
July 11	John E. Merrill — Albert Egly
July 18	Grayston Cripe — Wm. H. Crouse
July 25	Dale Parkerson — Dr. A. C. Worley

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

Captain, Paul A. Strawser, A-69214; William P. Vunora, Carter D. Palmer, Homer H. Stevenson, Mark H. Crouse, George R. Bruckman, Jack E. Weicker, Merle F. Morkoetter, Jay J. McCarel, Herbert C. Banet, David A. Griggs, Fred H. Wilson, Paul E. Truby.

When unable to serve please call your Captain.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers next Sunday are given by Alex M. Campbell and son, Tom.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The C. W. F. will hold an Ice Cream Social on the church lawn on Friday evening, July 16. All members and friends of the church are invited.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Ellery Flaugh is a patient in Parkview Hospital. Mrs. Flaugh was injured in an automobile accident last Sunday. Her sister, Mrs. Hill, her little daughter and son were also severely injured in the automobile accident.

Mrs. Arthur Betz is a patient in Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Alma Beck is a patient in Parkview Hospital.

HONOR ROLL

(These are members who have pledges paid up through June) Rev. and Mrs. Robert T. Beck, Miss Martha J. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Alkire, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mrs. Mary Barnett, Mrs. Alma Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Beck, Patricia Beck, Mrs. Grace Bell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mrs. Clover Branstrator, Miss Karen Branstrator, William Branstrator, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Mrs. Hilda Brown, Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bundy, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter, Miss Ruth Burris, Mrs. Glenn A. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Mr. Robert F. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Carr, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coar, Mrs. Wm. Coblentz, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly, Mrs. Ida Mae England, Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Flaugh, Jack Flaugh, Allan Flowers, Dwight Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flowers, Lloyd Flowers, Bonnie Fusselman, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fusselman. (Continued next week)

HOW MUCH SHOULD I BUY?

Is a question frequently asked in regard to Certificates of Indebtedness. Of course, you are the only person that can decide. One of our members is buying up to \$10,000 or one-tenth of total sold. He thinks they are a wonderful investment at 4% interest paid on 15th of December each year. Others are taking \$1,000 lots, others \$500, others less — Remember these are loans not gifts. A business-like way to self-finance our own Church indebtedness.



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E. P. Dickie, an eminent Scholar, said he experienced at the same time two sermons. One was preached from the pulpit, the other from a stained-glass window. In the stained glass a slight defect obscured a single letter so that the superscription read, "GLORY TO GOD, IN THE HIGH ST."

Think on this. Do we glorify God on the street where we work—where we live. Can it be you pray together in church, the Unison prayer, the Lord's Prayer, but in your home you have no corporate prayer? You read the responsive verses from the Bible at church, but you never read the Bible in your home? Is it possible you are reverent in church but in the home and at your work you are irreverent? That is what we say about the Communist. They are not consistent. They talk with their tongue in their cheek. They talk about Democracy and liberation and practice tyranny. This is a day for repentance—a time for real Christian living. Glory to God in the Church—can mean nothing unless it also means glory to God in the home and in the high street where you live and work.

Come to Church this Sunday. Be consistent during the week and glorify God in the High Street.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:05 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Sermon: "What Are You Doing to People?"

Special Music

Mrs. Richard Baldwin, Soloist

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

YOUR CHURCH SCHOOL THIS SUMMER

Those attending Church School classes this summer will find each class well staffed by regular teachers or substitutes who have been procured to teach during the vacation season. We urge those attending to bring their vacation guests and help make this a great summer for Christian teaching. The time is 9:15 to 10:00.

The unit of study for adults during the summer is: "Growth in Christian Living". Members of adult classes and members of the church should not miss these lessons.

The two units of study for the High School and Junior High young people are: "Youth as Christian Citizens" and "You and Your Life". Our young people will find these summer lessons and discussion most helpful.

Six Thousand Patients At Mayo Clinic Belong To Christian Churches

The Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, averages 6,000 patients each year who are directly related to Christian Churches. World-known for its



Chaplain Carter

exacting medical and surgical services, the clinic annually receives 150,000 clinical patients including about 2,000 confinement cases.

A full-time chaplaincy at the hospitals is maintained by The

United Christian Missionary Society by Rev. Vernon H. Carter.

According to his annual report on September 1, 1953, Mr. Carter made 4,201 visits to 1,391 patients, however, it was impractical to record the variety of pastoral calls. The patients came from 37 states and eight foreign nations. To his report, Chaplain Carter appended that "a statistical report . . . can in nowise reveal a complete picture of services rendered."

The Rochester chaplaincy of the Disciples of Christ, established in 1946, is a joint program with the Minnesota Christian Missionary Society and the Iowa Christian Missionary Society.

World Assembly Studies

So Christians may be informed on the issues facing the World Council of Churches assembly this summer, studies are available from the World Council of Churches, 156 Fifth Avenue, New

York 10, New York, and the National Council of Churches, Department of Publication and Distribution, 120 East Twenty-third Street, New York 10, New York.

When the world assembly convenes in Evanston, Illinois, on August 15-31, issues vital to world Christianity will confront the churches.

The Faith and Order Section concern is the oneness in Christ and the disunity as churches. The Evangelism Section studies the mission of the Church to those outside its life, and Social Problems Section seeks principles for a responsible society in a world perspective. The topic for international affairs is "Christians in the Struggle for World Community." The Laity Section studies are on the Christian in his vocation, and the subject for intergroup relations is "The Church Amid Racial and Ethnic Tensions."



The new ward of the hospital at Damoh, India, emphasizes the need for health education and care. This concern is in a five-point "Star of Life" program which Dr. Donald Rice is beginning in India as a new missionary enterprise. Other points are religious instruction, agricultural development, village industries and literacy education.



Feet in a backwoods school do not go the same life paths as neighbor boys educated at Hazel Green Academy in Kentucky where the motto is "Where We Find a Path or Make One."

A Modern Parable from Congo: Bugs and Polygamy Versus Missionaries

"It's part of what you have to learn!" That explanation covers everything that happens to new missionaries in the Congo. It was the stock answer to Dick and Joy Dodson and Charlie and Eva Dale Johnson.

As the Dodsons tell it, Ava Dale once counted 186 insect bites on her arms and legs. We all had bites. New missionaries seem to taste better. "Part of what you have to learn," old-timers said.

Getting used to wild antelope meat, to riding in native hollow log canoes and to finding mildew on suitcases and neckties, all help to initiate us properly—even to helping give a bath to a pet baby monkey. "It's part of what you have to learn!"

The Congolese still live much the same as in old times. Family and clan ties are important, polygamy exists and women are treated like property.

When missionaries seem tired and overworked, it's because no matter how hard they do work, they never get

enough done, and having a bowl of orchids in the bedroom and gardenias on the dinner table help to make up for the comforts we left behind.

Spring Assemblies Discuss Future of Missions

Missions are outgrowing their status as missions, 48 assemblies across the nation were told this spring. Reporting to The United Christian Missionary Society board of trustees in Indianapolis on March 16, Dr. A. Dale Fiers, United Society president, said missions are maturing in thought and action.

The assemblies discussed the long range program for the United Society and stressed missions and evangelism. Participating were over 7,400 persons from nearly 1,200 churches, and many persons, Dr. Fiers said, thanked the United Society for confiding its problems with them.

The general opinion is that churches may decide their own policy and program regardless of location, Dr. Fiers reported, explaining that missions are achieving partnership in world evangelism.

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YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN SOCIAL EVENING

Our Junior High, High School young people and adult counselors will have a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Wayne Trace Road next Sunday, July 11th. All young people are invited to attend. There will be a worship service at the conclusion of the evening.

MR. TALBOTT LEFT ON WEDNESDAY FOR VACATION AND WILL RETURN AUGUST 7.

NOTES

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley are in Hawaii attending the meeting of the American Medical Association.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Mae Sheline has been confined to her home with a sprained ankle.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mrs. Martha Gaunt, Mrs. Laura Gildea, Mr. and Mrs. Jim N. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Griffith, David Griggs, Stevens Hand, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris, Miss Mildred Hartman, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Herr, Mrs. Anna Hirschy, Mrs. John R. Hoop, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jefferies, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johns, Mr. and Mrs. R. Blaine Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Kean, Mrs. Oscar Kiefer, Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Kreps, Billy Kreps, Mrs. Elizabeth Kane, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lear, Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Linn, Mrs. Emily Lowman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lyon, Richard Lyon, Vicki Lyon. (to be continued next week)

CHURCH SOFTBALL

The Church Team now having a 6 won 3 lost record, has three more games to go before the playoffs. Our next game is at 6:45 McMillen Park, No. 1 diamond with Third Presbyterian.

The Team would appreciate a little fan support. Come out and cheer us on to the championship.

BIBLES FOR THE CHURCH SCHOOL

The following are giving Bibles for the Church School: Rev. Robert T. Beck (1), Martha J. Beck (1), Mrs. Robert T. Beck (1), Rev. John R. Talbott (1), Mrs. I. B. Marquart (3 plus), Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller (2), Mr. and Mrs. Eural G. Rose (2).

Others will be added. It is desirous that we have these books by September.

A FEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE YEAR SINCE JANUARY

1. 110 excellent new members.
2. More money for missions and benevolence.
3. Much better Church School on Sundays with 96 new members.
4. Encouragingly large morning service congregations.
5. Steady payments on pledges for Building Fund.
6. Superb Men's group in Men's Forum.
7. Unusually good Youth Group—going good.
Not the largest but a large group to Summer Camp and Conference.
8. 161 children—largest Vacation Church School in history of Church, 59 workers.
9. Minister of Education to assist pastor and work on Educational program.
10. Christian Women's Fellowship—a large number of new members and largest income in history of women's work.
11. Wonderful Official Board of 73 members functioning with Church Cabinet.
12. Great list of prospective members.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Friday evening, July 16 starting at 6 P.M. Ice cream and home made cake, sundaes, cones, coffee, orange crush and lemonade will be available. Come and bring friends.

WEDDING BELLS

Rang for Miss Sarah Shroyer and Mr. Donald C. Smith. Also for Miss Shirley Johnson and Richard Baldwin.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

There are several dates in July and August available to those who wish to use flowers in the Sanctuary as memorial to some one or to some event. The cost is \$5.00 per Sunday. The flowers belong to the donor after the services.



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Only faith in God can meet today's challenge. 30 million Americans are going to Church this Sunday. They will be showing the faith in God that has always characterized a great people, the same faith on which our fathers founded this nation. You need, all of us, need that faith. Faith gives us the strength and purpose needed for these times. Without faith hope is gone. With faith, peace and happiness are found. This Sunday join the 30 million Americans who will be expressing their faith. Go to church.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:05

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Sermon: "Unable To Forget Yourself"

Special Music

Mrs. Geraldine Bolts, Soloist

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WITH JUNIORS THIS SUMMER

Fine sessions for the remainder of the summer. Make it possible for your junior age children to be present each Sunday.

The units for Lower Junior department are: "What Makes A Christian Home; The Hymn Book of the Bible; We are Learning God's Way."

The units for the Upper Junior department are: "All Things Come of Thee; Making Christian Choices; Living Together in Christian Ways."

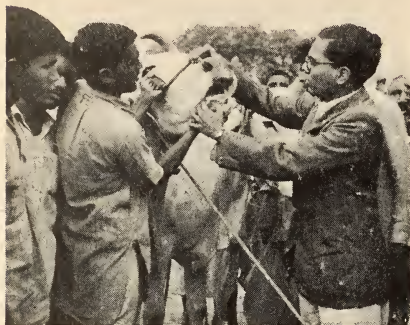
The units are developed for Juniors through Bible stories, Study Packet.

NEW COORDINATING COUNSELORS FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical are the new coordinating counselors for our high school. They begin their work with this group during the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Morrical will be responsible for helping to coordinate all Christian Youth Fellowship activities. Mr. David Griggs, the High school teacher, will return in September. During the Summer Mr. and Mrs. Jim Griffin, Mr. Horace Russell will be the teachers.

YOUR CHURCH AND YOU

During the war emergency citizens of our great country were asked to buy bonds, to loan money to their country when it was meeting a great emergency. The government said to its citizens, as you loan we will pay you interest. And loyal Americans did. Time after time the bond issues were over-subscribed. Now



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Fundamental education in India.

Government Leaders Say Missionaries Started Point Four

Christian missionaries have been the forerunners of today's world-wide program of technical assistance to people in underdeveloped areas, known as "Point Four." Credit for starting the work of teaching people to read and showing them how to lift their standard of physical living is given to the Christian missionary movements in a report by the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service.

At first, the report points out, missionary efforts in technical assistance were only "incidental to their original purposes". . . "but more and more, it has become a program in its own right, manifesting increasing concern for people as people."

One government spokesman is quoted in the report as saying, "We cannot claim to be the first on the scene. The missionaries began it, more than a hundred years ago. Almost everywhere you go in the service of Point Four you can

see the traces of their work. And what you see is good." Point Four, this leader explains, "borrows liberally from, and in so doing does great honor to the programs of aided self-help evolved by countless American missionaries and private agencies that have been working in foreign fields for many years."

The chief task of the Christian missionary is that of bringing people to Christ. Humanitarian concern goes hand in hand with the Christian gospel as the missionaries seek to heal the sick, teach the illiterates, and guide pagan peoples away from their fearful superstitions into a more abundant life.

Disciples of Christ missionaries have conducted hospitals and schools abroad for many years. Today, in India, through the United Christian Missionary Society, Disciple missionaries are cooperating with the Allahabad Agricultural Institute, and with government technical assistance workers. An "Abundant Life Program" is sponsored in sixty villages, combining technical assistance with evangelism.

Youth Exceed Goal For Christian World Friendship Fund

Youth giving for others in churches of the brotherhood last year went far beyond the goal set by the International Christian Youth Fellowship Commission. The goal for the 1952-1953 Christian World Friendship Fund had been set at \$56,000. A total of 2,327 CYF groups gave more than \$79,000 to the fund during the year.

New Mission Center Creates Public Interest In Paraguay

When the new Friendship Mission of the Disciples of Christ was dedicated in Asuncion, Paraguay, late in October, the occasion made page one in the city's newspapers. A lengthy editorial on Friendship Mission in *La Tribuna*, cited the new center as "a work of importance," and closed with a plea for other missions to "so effectively manifest themselves as this one."

The United Christian Missionary Society is sponsoring Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Mills as directors of Friendship Mission. The new center is located in the heart of an impoverished section of Asuncion where the people have been described as "needing almost everything." A social settlement, Friendship Mission is offering classes

in home care, a library, kindergarten and supervised recreation. It looks forward to setting up a medical and dental clinic. Sunday worship and midweek prayer meetings are held in the mission chapel and in homes of the neighborhood.

The dedication ceremony in October was attended by high officials in the Paraguayan government, including Dr. Juan R. Chaves, minister of education, who addressed the group. The U. S. ambassador to Paraguay, George Price Shaw, said at the ceremony that the U. S. Information Service plans to loan books and educational films to the new mission center. A former student of the mission school, Colegio Internacional, said at the dedication that he hoped the new mission "would help to make life more lovely" for the people who take part in it.

Visitors see Friendship Mission dedicated in Asuncion, Paraguay.



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we look back with pride and satisfaction that when the call came we answered.

Your church is now in need — in the same way you can come to the aid of your church. In the years ahead you can look at a great Church, great in its building and in its program and take pride and satisfaction in knowing that you went to the aid of God's Church when it called for help.

It is your opportunity, your reasonable service to purchase a certificate in an amount that is in proportion to your devotion. Answer the call of your church and express your loyalty. Mr. Sherman G. Myers will be in the Church office Sunday from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. to answer questions and take subscriptions.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mrs. E. T. Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. Powell Rayburn, Mrs. Belle Reed, Beatrice Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, Judith Rice, Merle Rice, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Mrs. F. H. Rogers, Wendell Rose, Miss Lenore Rousseau, Mrs. Olive Roy, Mr. James Rupel, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Miss Minnie Screen, Mrs. Laura Sherer, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Mrs. Donald C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Siples, Miss Arlene Smell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dale Smith, Marshall Smith, Mr. Preston Somers, Miss Barbara Staley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Staley, Mrs. Edith Stevens, Mr. John R. Sullivan, Mr. Paul A. Strawser, Michael Symms, Mrs. Roger Symms. (To be continued)

ASSEMBLY WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

AUGUST 15, 1954

In order to make it possible for many people to attend this great service, we are chartering busses to take us directly to Soldier's Field in Chicago.

The total cost of the trip is \$6.50 which includes the ticket for the festival. Checks should be made payable to The Associated Churches and accompany the names for which reservations are being made. Buses will take us directly to Soldier's Field and will bring us back.

If you have questions call A-6388.

MORE BIBLES FOR THE CHILDREN

Mr. and Mrs. David McCrosky (1) Rev. and Mrs. Robert T. Beck, (2) Miss Martha Beck (1), Mr. and Mrs. Jim N. Griffin (2), Rev. John R. Talbott (1), Mr. and Mrs. Howard Howell (1), Mr. and Mrs. Gail J. Roe and Rita (1), Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lyon (1), Mrs. I. B. Marquart (7), Friendly Class (3), Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, (2), Mr. and Mrs. Eural G. Rose (2), Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller (2) are among those who have purchased bibles for use in our Church School making a total of 26 to date; 45 bibles are needed. If you wish to give a Bible call the office.

AT CHURCH

We were pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coar in church Sunday. Mrs. Coar has been so very ill these last weeks. Best wishes to them.

Mrs. Wayne Braden, daughter of Mrs. Ray Woodhull. Mrs. Braden is the wife of Rev. Wayne Braden, Glen Falls, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Stauffer and family are visiting Mrs. Stauffer's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Vaught. The Stauffer's are active members in the Union Avenue Christian Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

HONORED

Mr. Herman W. Sigrist was elected President of the National Auctioneers Association at their annual meeting in Omaha, Nebr.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dean Alan Yoquelet II, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Yoquelet. Congratulations also to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Yoquelet.

Mr. Merland G. Heller has completed 37 years at the General Electric Company. He was honored recently at the Plant.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kernan, Jr., July 19th at Lutheran Hospital.

Deborah Kay Munson was born July 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Munson. Mother and Babe are in Lutheran Hospital.

OUR CHURCH ON THE AIR, WGL, SEPTEMBER



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THE DREAM

"Give me Scotland or I die." cried John Knox. That voice because it voiced a dream that was properly dreamed was heard throughout Scotland, and because Bishops and elders proved but unworthy step-daughter of the Church, Scotland led out in the Reformation.

Let us pray again the prayer of our Lord, "That they may all be one" cried the Campbells of the Early Nineteenth Century and because that dream was properly dreamed it was heard all over America and around the world, and this month in Evanston, Illinois representatives from 150 million Christians will meet in the Assembly of World Council of Churches which can be a step in the fulfillment of the prayer of our Lord and Master.

We may well ask the question, What is our great dream for our Church, whose building in form and symbol speaks of the life of Christ. Dare we dream that our people be first Christian. If that dream is properly dreamed it will be heard and felt throughout Fort Wayne, our State and nation and to the uttermost parts of the world.

Our youth will dream the dream. Some answer by being preachers or missionaries. All can answer by trying to follow in the steps of our Master.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:05 A.M.

Special Music

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Sermon: "Shaping Our Conduct"

Minister

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.

Christian Education with Primaries, Kindergarten and Nursery Children.

We urge parents of children in the Primary, Kindergarten departments and the Nursery Class to make it possible for their children to be present.

The units for the Primary department are: "Children At Worship Around the World"; "With Jesus in Palestine"; "God's Plan for Growth."

The units for the Kindergarten department are: "Our Summer World"; "Stories About Jesus"; "How We Grow."

Two and three year olds lessons come in song and stories.

319 Take Part in Area Conference On Churchmanship

How to have better churches was the subject of the first area conference on churchmanship held last fall in Indianapolis, Ind. Altogether, 319 ministers, church secretaries, religious education directors, members of official boards and chairmen of functional church committees attended the conference. These leaders came from 41 Christian churches, 21 of them outside the city.

Sponsored by local Christian church organizations and the department of church development and evangelism of the United Christian Missionary Society, the conference was the first of what is expected to be a series held across the United States.

Samuel F. Pugh, national director of church development and ministerial services was in charge of the Indianapolis conference. On two evenings, the group met for a general consideration of the materials available for church leaders. After dinner, there were classes in ways of improving public worship, how to plan a church finance program, public relations for churches, how to plan a year's work and techniques of evangelism.

Youth Audio Visual Kit Produced For Church Use

A kit of seven new sound filmstrips on youth work in the church has been released by the National Council of Churches of Christ. Contained in the

kit are five black and white 35 mm filmstrips, two color filmstrips, seven recordings and guides for using these audio visuals.

Disciples of Christ cooperated in production of the kit through the Christian Board of Publication of St. Louis, Mo., which is distributing the kit on order. The YAV, as the kit is known, is expected to help churches revitalize their programs for young people.

Regional Folk Festival Held at Hazel Green Academy

The home missions school, Hazel Green Academy in Kentucky, was host to a regional folk festival last fall. At that time, around one hundred boys and girls spent a day on the campus and took part in folk songs and folk dances under direction of Pryce Tutt of the Academy faculty and Frank Smith, an instructor at Berea College.

Many of the distinctly American folk dances and songs of the Kentucky highlanders are being preserved in the folk festivals sponsored by mountain schools and the Conference of Southern Mountain Workers. Boys and girls frequently go from Hazel Green Academy to Berea College and other campuses to take part in such festivals.

This year, one hundred and six boys and girls are enrolled at Hazel Green, which is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Stovall. The school has functioned since 1880 under brotherhood organizations. It is now administered through the United Society.

Eighth Annual Convention Held In South Africa

The eighth annual convention of the Disciples of Christ in South Africa was held in October at the Boksburg church near Johannesburg. Phil van Niekerk, pastor of the Brakpan church, was named president for the coming year.

Two outstanding items of business at the convention were adoption of the name Christian Women's Fellowship by the women of the churches and an amendment to the convention constitution to include the statement: "The South African Convention of Disciples of Christ is in cooperation with the United Christian Missionary Society and World Convention of Churches of Christ."

Women Enthusiastic About Mission Tours

Business women who have taken one

or more of the summer mission tours sponsored by the United Society's department of Christian Women's Fellowship are showing a keen interest in continuing the projects.

Returning home, some of the women have commented on the tours that they "jolt you out of your complacency," "help us learn just what a missionary is," and "give us a feeling of oneness with Christians of another race."

Since 1950, when the first business women's tour went to Mexico and Mexican Christian Institute in San Antonio, Tex., there have been seven such trips. In all, 163 women from churches in 27 states, the District of Columbia and Canada, have made at least one of the conducted tours.

Lasting from two to three weeks, the tours have visited Jamaica and Puerto Rico as well as Mexico, seeing mission work of the brotherhood in those fields. Home mission tours have included five of the institutional missions sponsored by the United Society.

Business women board a bus after visiting the Yakima Indian Christian Mission in 1953.



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ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Word received from Rev. John R. Talbott, our Minister of Education, brings the sad information that both his parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Talbott are in the Putnam County hospital quite ill. Mail letters to Greencastle, Indiana.

Mr. James L. Presnell, underwent surgery this week at Lutheran Hospital.

Little Joyce Howell, daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Howell is ill with measles.

PERSONAL

Maxwell Smith is at Reserve Officers School, Room 1409 Abbott Hall, Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill.

Paul Strawser is on a trip through the Smokies.

J. Hugh Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tracey and son, Steven, are on a trip to California.

The Church Team played the second game of the playoff this week. Attend as many of these games as possible and cheer our team to victory.

THE TIDINGS WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

FIRST CHRISTIAN WILL BE ON THE AIR OVER WGL IN SEPTEMBER

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

August 1 - Preston H. Somers, John Z. Berlien; August 8 - Harold W. Crowder, Gail J. Roe; August 15 - Floyd E. Morrical, James R. Shockney; August 22 - Glenn R. Miller, Henry H. Flowers; August 29 - Cecil Rice, Eural G. Rose.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Allen Garee, Donald E. Coffman, Romane H. Cole, Chester L. Follos, Merland G. Heller, Clayton Yoquelet, Rolland R. Ripple, Wm. E. Tracey, Marvin L. Crouse, Powell A. Rayburn, Bret R. Young, Delmas Young, Maro A. Bollinger.

IF UNABLE TO SERVE PLEASE CALL YOUR CAPTAINS.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Taylor, Mrs. Merle Teeters, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tharp, Mrs. Maude Thurman, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Timbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tracey, Mr. J. Hugh Tracey, Steven Tracey, Miss Carole Truby, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Truby, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Uhl, Mr. and Mrs. David S. Vesey, Mr. Flora Virts, Mrs. Albert Wesling, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Whinery, Doyle Whitton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitton, Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Miss Nancy Woodhull, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Working, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley, Mrs. Orpha Yost, Miss Ruth Yost, Mr. and Mrs. Bret R. Young, Mr. Delmas Young, John Young, Mrs. Lois Pifer, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wise, Mr. John R. Talbott, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vunora, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Boner, Corinne Boner, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carpenter, Mrs. Maurice Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clendenen, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cole, Miss Emma Crabill, Mr. and Mrs. John Craig, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Follis, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Heller, Mr. and Mrs. K. Kern, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ludwig, Mrs. Mallie Reidt, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Robinson, Gerald Whitton.

CHURCH SCHOOL BIBLES (Opportunity still open)

Other Bibles purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Truby and Family, Miss Carole Truby, Mr. and Mrs. Olos Fox, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Follis, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker.

THE AMERICAN WAY

In the beginning the members of the church out of their meager means supported the first Church and its missionary program. With such rapidity it went across the land so that before the last book was written in the New Testament all the known world had heard of Jesus. Then clever men put the Church under the support of the State. The Government raised the Church's expenses and built their buildings. In some places today the Church is State supported.

In America we have returned to the original method of each congregation supporting the church. Perhaps that is the reason the Protestant churches in America have more missionaries than all other Protestant churches.

In financing our Church by certificates sold to the members we are using the American way. If it appeals to you then buy certificates.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. D. E. Coffman in the recent loss of her mother at Niles, Michigan.

Mrs. Dessie Fields, a member of this church, passed away last Saturday.



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THINK OF YOUR CHILDREN

Parents plan for their children. They buy bonds, Insurance policies, stocks and work out other plans to make a secure future for their children. A wise father and mother emphasize and encourage interest in class room and laboratory.

But the realistic fact is that that is not good enough. The emphasis on laboratory and school room has produced great scientific discoveries. The emphasis upon thrift has produced wealth.

But the naked truth is that men are not good enough or wise enough to be trusted with all this power in their hands unless a Christ spirit and Christian pattern of living permeates and actuates the knowledge and wealth we have.

Parents, now is the time to prepare for our children in a real way. They must be grounded and rooted in Christian Education, and Christian living. The man who built his house on the rock found his house stood in the time of the rains and flood. And we know wise couples who are building their family life on religious living and principles and when problems and forced adjustments come like torrents their family stands, a bulwark to church and nation.

As school time arrives take account of your family and its religious foundations. COME TO CHURCH.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:05 A.M. Quartette: "The Lord is My Shepherd"
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cocherille

Sermon: "Using One's Experiences for Good" Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mr. Frederic Smell
Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Back to School and Back to Church School. Classes for All.

WE WILL BE ON THE AIR OVER STATION WGL DURING SEPTEMBER

CROP Distributes 31½ Million Pounds of Food Abroad in 1953

More than three and one-half million pounds of food were sent as gifts by American church people in 1953 to the needy overseas. The contributions, which had a total value of \$839,338, were given through CROP, the Christian Rural Overseas Program which is an interdenominational agency of Church World Service. According to a recently issued annual report of CROP

CROP also paid the inland freight, at a cost of more than \$82,000.

Most of the food went to distress areas in Europe and Asia. It was also sent as emergency relief for victims of floods in Holland, England, India, Japan and Italy. It was taken to the fire disaster victims in Pusan and Hong Kong, and to those who suffered in Greek earthquakes.

CROP food shipments abroad are distributed through the field offices of National Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches and missions.



RNS Photo

American food is distributed abroad through CROP, the Christian Rural Overseas Program.

these figures represent "a substantial increase over the past three years."

The goods contributed included more than 178,000 pounds of seed corn, 270,000 pounds of rice, 900 pounds of vitamin pills, 17 million pounds of government surplus dried milk, butter and cheese for which

THE UNITED CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY maintains eleven fields with active work. They are Union of South Africa, Belgian Congo, India, Argentina, Paraguay, Mexico, Japan, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Jamaica and Thailand. There are 39 mission stations in operation and 236 missionaries in active service.

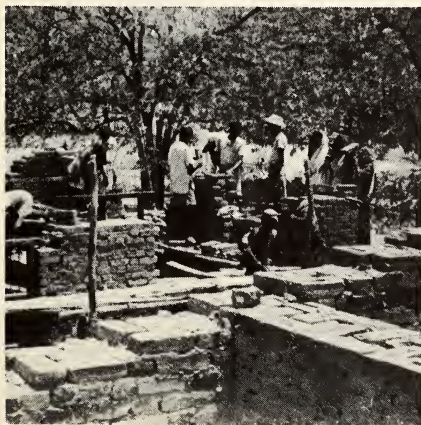
New Mission School Going Up In India

Building plans for a school at the new mission station of Diptipur, in India, are proceeding after many months of delay. Missionary to India, L. Franklin White, serving under The United Christian Missionary Society, reported in June that two teachers' houses and one-half of a quadrangle-styled boarding hostel for the school are near completion.

Diptipur, which means, "village of light," is in West Utkal in the province of Orissa. The school building itself has been started and will probably be completed this fall. Until then classes are being held in the hostel quarters.

Several government permits were necessary to begin the building project and the collection of material and employment of laborers was difficult since the station is in an interior section of the country.

Natives work on the teachers' quarters at new mission station of Diptipur in India.



Here is the first baby born in East Tokyo Institute after beds arrive as gifts from Main St. Christian Church in Kokomo, Ind.

Missionary Reports Progress in Africa

Dr. Donald H. Baker, medical missionary to India serving under The United Christian Missionary Society, reported earlier this summer that the total membership of the Christian churches in the Mondombe area of the Belgian Congo is now around 30,000. There were 4,636 baptisms in 1953. At the Shotwell Memorial Hospital and dispensaries, where Dr. Baker has been serving, there were 137,000 treatments given and 200 major operations were performed.

Dr. Baker reported that some 450 students attended the station schools and 250 attended Christian rural central schools. They now have one native evangelist for each thousand of population. Dr. Baker first went to Mondombe for the Disciples of Christ in 1931.

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The great number of greetings, post cards and orders of services from churches where our members worshipped during their trips on vacation were received with real pleasure and much profit by your minister.

I take this means of thanking all of you for thus remembering your pastor in this interesting way. I know your remember me in your prayers and I did each member of our church.

—Robert T. Beck.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Paul Truby, 440 Englewood Court, Thursday, September 2nd.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. J. C. Koegel, 1222 W. Jefferson St. on Tuesday afternoon, September 7th at 1:30 P.M.

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. A. C. Worley, 2551 Terrace Road on Wednesday, September 8. Mrs. Wilbur Whinery will assist the hostess. Mrs. W. H. Imbody will present the program and Mrs. Schlatter will have devotions.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. C. W. Winfield, 1001 Columbia Avenue, on Friday evening, September 3 at 8 P.M. Mrs. Maude Thurman will assist the hostess.

NOTES

Mr. Charles Chambers lost his mother by death August 8, at South Bend, Indiana. Mrs. Fern Teeple's sister passed away last week.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to these folk in their recent sorrow.

Mr. C. R. McMaken was a patient in Lutheran Hospital, August 19, 1954.

Mrs. H. M. Smelser underwent surgery at St. Joseph's hospital August 14.

Mrs. J. Z. Berlien suffered a fall at her home last month.

Mr. Albert Egly is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.

NEW BABIES IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Virginia, born to Mr. and Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock, August 15.

Baby to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brickley in July.

Bruce Evans joined the Armed Services in August.

Lowell Dare has returned home after serving in the Coast Guard.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

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| September 5 | Albert Egly — John E. Merrill |
| 12 | Wm. H. Crouse — Grayston Cripe |
| 19 | Dr. A. C. Worley — Dale Parkerson |
| 26 | John Z. Berlien — Preston H. Somers |

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Captain Harold K. Pritchard A-36712, J. Hugh Tracey, Robert E. Working, Clarence Hendrickson, Ralph J. Richard, Kenneth Lytle, Dr. R. W. Goebel, A. Howard Wise, Meldren S. Kreps, Everett W. Evans, John C. Cole, Thomas D. Eddleman, Charles W. Staley.

If unable to serve please call your Captain.

The Official Board will meet Tuesday evening, September 7, 8 P.M. at the Church.



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WHAT IS 14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION?

The members of First Christian are asked for 14 weeks to live lives of deep devotion to Christ and His Church.

(1) Put the Church, its worship and teaching services first on your schedule for 14 weeks.

(2) Enrich your devotion through prayer, through reading of the Bible and spiritual literature—giving regular periods to meditation and prayer.

(3) Support your Church liberally. Accept, if possible, the challenge to tithe for 14 weeks, if you are not already tithing.

(4) Become interested in others, invite them to First Christian Church. Inform yourself and others about the great work our church and Brotherhood are doing.

(5) Be in the worship service each Sunday during these 14 weeks of worship and fellowship about the Table of our Lord.

(6) This will be a self-discipline period. No one will check your attendance. The pastor will send you a postcard to return your record unsigned. This will be between you and your Lord.

(7) 14 weeks of Devotion is a United Program to build and use the spiritual life and power of our Church.

MEDITATE. PRAY, READ, SERVE,
WORSHIP, SHARE.

Reverently give devotion to your Lord.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Great congregation on Labor Day Sunday

W.G.L. carries our Service on Air in September

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:05 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Solo: "Jerusalem" from St. Paul—

Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Soloist—Mendelssohn

Anthem: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"—Bach

Mrs. E. C. Schiller, Guest Director

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Barton Hunter

Barton Hunter Becomes Executive Secretary of UCMS Department

Barton Hunter has assumed the duties of executive secretary of the department of social welfare of The United Christian Missionary Society. He replaces Dr. James A. Crain, who retired June 30.

Mr. Hunter first came to the Society staff in 1952 as national director of social education. In that capacity he helped launch a summer work camp project for Disciple young people, and he has conducted the annual United Nations Seminar sponsored by the department of social welfare.

Before coming to the UCMS, Mr. Hunter was pastor of the West Bluff Christian Church, Peoria, Ill. From

1939 to 1942, he was associate professor of religion and dean of students at Lynchburg College, Va.

Hobgoods Retire After Many Years in Africa

After 42 years of missionary service in the Belgian Congo, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hobgood retired June 30, 1954.

In true Congolese ceremony, native evangelists, at their last meeting with the Hobgoods, changed the names of the missionaries to those of native legendary heroes. This indicated the respect and gratitude the Congolese felt for the years that Mr. and Mrs. Hobgood had dedicated to that country.

Clay Hobgood first went to Africa as a Disciple missionary in 1912. On furlough in America, in 1916, he was married, and his wife joined the work at the mission of Bolenge on the Congo River.

During the years in Africa, Mrs. Hobgood raised a family of six children, cared for her home, taught in the school and worked among the Congolese women. She was a busy wife and mother, as her husband was teaching and preaching and building for Christ in the Congo.

Always in Clay Hobgood's mind was the need for a new mission station in a primitive jungle section on the Momboyo River. In 1946, the Hobgoods saw this mission, Ifumo, started and went there as the first resident missionaries.

The same month, Mr. and Mrs. Hobgood retired, their son, Ben, and his wife, Betsy, were commissioned as missionaries to Africa under The United Christian Missionary Society. Two other children also plan going into foreign service, so the Hobgoods will still have a part in the work being done for Christ in the Belgian Congo.

Brotherhood Premiere Of *The Beginning* to Be Feature of Miami Meet

The featured film for the 1954-55 Year of Stewardship, *The Beginning* will be premiered for the Disciples of Christ brotherhood at the International Convention in Miami, Oct. 29.

This family picture is a sequel to the film released last year, *The Hidden Heart*. *The Beginning* stars Hollywood personalities John Litel, Selena Royle, Jan Shephard and Mike Chapin. The sound film in black and white is 44 minutes long.

The picture, which was ready for release to churches Sept. 1, was produced cooperatively by the Congregational Christian, Evangelical and Reformed and Disciples of Christ churches. It

will be distributed through the film libraries of The United Christian Missionary Society and the Christian Board of Publication, and from the offices of state secretaries.

Plans Begin for UCMS Rural Service Program

Plans are underway for starting a program of Christian community service to aid the people in the rural area around Edwards, Miss. Such plans were authorized by the board of trustees of The United Christian Missionary Society June 16.

The new program will make use of the farm and grounds of Southern Christian Institute, which early this year merged with Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Miss.

In a scene from "The Beginning," stars Mike Chapin and John Litel repair a part of the church roof. The film is for distribution to churches during the Year of Stewardship.



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SERMON

"When Our Plans Are Too Small"

Preacher Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

SUNDAY IS PROMOTION SUNDAY

Eural G. Rose and John S. Craig, Co-Superintendents

All parents please have children in attendance at 9:15 A.M.

Fine Program Arranged.

Rev. John R. Talbott has been granted a three months leave of absence because of the serious illness of both father and mother.

The High School and Junior High School Young people will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical next Sunday evening, September 12 at 5 o'clock for a picnic and hamburger fry. The installation of officers is a part of the program.

WORKERS CONFERENCE

All Teachers, Officers, Workers of Church School and Department of Young People with the Department of Christian Education will meet Monday evening, September 13 at 6:30 for a carry-in dinner and Workers Conference. Coffee will be furnished. Please bring your own table service.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Miss Mildred Hartman, 301 East Fleming, Monday, September 13, at 8 P.M.

The Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, 6502 South Calhoun Street Tuesday, September 14.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Charles Fuchshuber, 508 Lavina Street, Monday evening, September 13 at 7:45 P.M. Mrs. Wm. Tracey will give the devotions. The program will be given by Mrs. A. Howard Wise.

NEW BABIES IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Rex Meadows were made happy parents August 26, 1954. Gregory Dean was born September 1st to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Smith. These fine young couples recently became members of First Christian.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mr. Albert Egly is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 211, having undergone surgery last week.

IMPORTANT

During the next ten weeks calls will be made and invitations extended to hundreds of families to visit and to unite with the church. Each member should be a committee of one to send in names and addresses of prospective members. Please!

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EACH MEMBER OF CHURCH — EVERY FAMILY

"HE FIRST LOVED US!" That cannot leave us unmoved. The effect: We love Him. Because He first loved us and gave His Son for us. It follows, We love Him. How is it shown? "If you love Me, keep my commandment," says Jesus. Apply this. He invites us to commune with Him about His table each Sunday. He says, "Give". Apply this great principle to our stewardship. Apply this to His call "Come, follow

Me." Apply this to His commandment, "Go, make disciples." Go, serve, build His Kingdom. "If I be lifted up" says Jesus. "Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee".

No communist has this promise. Cool and ruthless they are. But the promise is to the true and the faithful. During these 14 weeks, Come, let us go to higher levels of devotions and service.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude

10:05 A.M. Special: "Living for Jesus" Quartet and Choir

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cocherille, Mrs.

Anthem: "Lead Me, Lord" Harker

J. E. Weicker, Mr. Frederic Smell

Mrs. E. C. Schiller, Guest Director

SERMON

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Classes for all age groups. Be in your class next Sunday at 9:15 A.M.

MAJOR HARRY A. G. CLARK

Student of World affairs, Major Harry A. G. Clark will be a visitor at our Church this Sunday. He is on his way around the world and is on the last phase of his trip and will leave here for his home in Australia. He was a fellow student when our pastor was in Yale University, a member of the Campbell Club there. A loyal disciple of Christ he will represent the World Council of Churches in Australia. Come and hear his message this Sunday.

WE WILL BE ON THE AIR OVER STATION WGL DURING SEPTEMBER

days ago gave \$15.00 to a mission church in a neighboring village just opening. When I reproached him on giving more than the Lord required, his reply was, 'I have not suffered any, it does me good.' His very life is an expression of his love for the Kingdom."

"Five years ago I first became a tither. I tithed for two years. The next year I gave one-ninth. The next year I gave one-eighth. Last year I gave one-seventh. This year I am giving one-seventh. If life be spared next year I want to give one-sixth. As a result I can truthfully say that I am more happy, more generous, and more financially prosperous."

"Myself and wife are the only ones in our church that tithe our income. I am a poor man, and God has given me money to meet all needs ever since we paid the Lord His tenth. We do more than that, for we make free will offerings, and are abundantly blessed with health and enjoy His Church greatly in every department. Our pastor told me we paid more for Missions than any other member of the Church, and we have some rich members. When there is a call made for money, ours is always there, and the collector does not have to wait or call again. It is paid on the spot."

"When in Sydney, Australia, I knew a man who started tithing, who was then a comparatively poor man; a baker by trade. He prospered wonderfully and gave largely. He used to say he 'could not send out of the front door goods and money for the Lord as quickly as the Lord sent them in at the back door.'"

"My mother was a widow for about 50 years. She worked hard, raised two girls, educated them in music and tithed. I am a widow with a son and daughter, and am giving them a Business College course. I teach music to support them. I pay more than the tithe, as the tenth is not mine. It makes us hustle and economize, but we have good health and are happy."

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We believe that the Tithe law was created, not for God's benefit, but for the benefit of the giver, for it not only makes Christ a partner in our business, to prosper us and to keep us from covetousness, but it gives every true Tither his part in soul saving efforts, no matter how weak and worthless he may seem to be in other Church activities. This thought builds character and keeps many a weak one from back-sliding. (Ps. 50:12.) (1 Cor. 9:6.) (2 Chron. 31:5-10.)—Justin Prescott.

Layman Tithing Foundation, 8 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 3, Ill.

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DOES TITHING PAY?

Some Testimonials

In "A Tithing Autobiography," by "Layman," the reader will find a full account of why Thomas Kane commenced the circulation of tithing literature. Briefly, it was to obtain definite answers to the above question, "Does tithing pay?"

Pamphlet No. 2, "What We Owe and How to Pay It," was first published about the year 1878. In millions of copies circulated since that time the following paragraph had a prominent place:

"My belief is that God blesses in temporal as well as in spiritual things those who honor Him by setting apart a stated portion of their income to His service. I have never known an exception. Have you? Please give me any facts within your personal knowledge on this subject. Especially give the facts if you know of any exceptions."

During more than forty years Mr. Kane received thousands of replies. Probably less than a dozen thought themselves exceptions, and subsequent correspondence plainly indicated the lack of prosperity was due to other causes.

During the year 1913-14, the following question was published in a large number of religious newspapers in this country and Canada:

"Have you ever known anyone who was less happy, less generous or less financially prosperous from being a tither?"

A total of more than 10,000 "No" replies were received; not one "Yes." Only a small proportion were satisfied to give a mere negative but added something by way of emphasis.

Facts have far greater influence than arguments. The condensed facts which follow not only do their own talking; they do, or ought to do their own convincing.

Testimonials

"I have been tithing for about twenty-five years, and have also done all I could to get others to do the same. I have never known any one who was not happier or more blessed than if he had not been a tither. Of course, we sometimes have losses, and feel hard times, as at present, but in some way God always supplies the need when the time comes, and gives us the happiness of having something for His work too."

"One man in particular, the public school janitor, is giving not only his tithe to the support of his own church and her missions, but a few

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MEN'S FORUM — 5 to 7 P.M.

A quartet of girls, Miss Barbara Griffith, Miss Carol Edgar, Miss Judy Bengs, Miss Carolyn DeVore, will bring special music. They will play selections on the Marimba and Accordions. The Food committee is composed of Grayston Cripe, chairman, Maxwell Smith, Arthur Lyon, and Charles Cook. Major Harry A. G. Clark will bring a great inspirational address.

DR. TOYOHITA KAGAWA

The great Christian of Japan, as famous as Ghandi, for his great services to his country and to the Christian religion, Founder of the Kingdom of God Movement, will be in Fort Wayne Sunday, September 26th. Every member, every youth should attend this meeting which will be held at Trinity English Lutheran Church at 7:30 P.M. You should be there at 7 P.M. to get a good seat. Each person will be given a manuscript with address to follow. This meeting is sponsored by the Associated Churches.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The General meeting of the Fellowship will be held on Monday evening, September 20 at 8 o'clock in the Church Parlor. The program, "Missionaries Are People" will be presented by the Higdon Circle, Devotions by the Nelson Circle. The Esther Circle is in charge of hospitality and refreshments will be served by the Gish Circle. The Executive will meet at 7:15 in the Chapel. This is the first regular meeting of the 1954-55 year and it is important that we have a good representative group at the Executive and a good attendance for the General Program. Please try to be present.

The Annual **School of Missions** sponsored by the Fort Wayne Council of Church Women will be held at the West Creighton Avenue Christian Church on Wednesday, September 22nd from 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. An excellent program has been planned. Luncheon will be served at the Church, tickets 75c. Reservations for the luncheon must be in by Monday the 20th. It is important that each Circle of the Fellowship be represented. See Mrs. Vaught for tickets.

WITH OUR SICK

Henry Vernard has been confined to his home by a gall bladder attack. Albert Egly is getting along nicely.

NOTES

J. R. Coar's hen won first place in a contest by the Master Mixed Feeds Company. She is named Random Lady.

Thomas Laden enters Purdue University this Fall where he will specialize in Air transportation.

Miss Sally Hirschy entered as Freshman in Ball State Teachers College.

Miss Barbara Allen is a student in Nurses Training at the Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Jack Kern has enrolled in Duke University as a Freshman.

Lowell Dare returned to Indiana University to complete his work after serving in the Coast Guard.

Any news from students in College will be appreciated.

Alexander M. Campbell and his son, Tom, have won many ribbons at horse shows. At the State Fair they each won first place in two events.

We are glad our folks who traveled so widely during vacation time are now safe at home.

WELCOME!

We cordially welcome Mr. and Mrs. John Baughman, his daughters Marian Kay, Dorothy and Catherine and his son, Francis. Also a cordial welcome to Mrs. Maud Baughman, mother and grandmother. All have been active in the Church. Mr. Baughman was principal of the High School at Lynn, Indiana.



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14 WEEKS DEVOTION OCTOBER 1 — DECEMBER 31

October 3rd, is World Wide Communion Sunday. What a day to begin 14 weeks of Devotion. The motive for Christian living and giving is LOVE FOR CHRIST, love for His Church and love for our fellow-human beings for whom Christ died on the Cross. This love is nurtured in the heart by the GOSPEL. "He gave his life for me, what have I done for Him." It is L-O-V-E that constrains us to place our TIME, TALENTS, INFLUENCE, PERSONALITY, MONEY into the service of the PRINCE OF PEACE, The Lord of Lords, the SAVIOUR of our souls.

IF WE DON'T, WHO SHOULD

It is only through the Church—each member (you dear reader,) that the work of Christianizing the world must be done. Surely, you, a member of the Church, a lover of Christ, desire to measure up.

PRAY — READ — SERVE — WORSHIP — SHARE in these 14 WEEKS OF DEVOTION

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

10:05 A.M. Solo: "The Beatitudes" Malotte
Mrs. Robert E. Cocherille, Soloist
Anthem: "Brother James' Air" Choir
Mrs. E. C. Schiller, Guest Director

Sermon: "What Do Ye More Than Others?"

Preacher—Our Pastor

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Be in your Class this Sunday.

WE WILL BE ON THE AIR OVER STATION WGL DURING SEPTEMBER

homeless could appeal to the church and be served at once in the name of Jesus, how long, think you, before the world would be won to a religion as vital and real as that?"

MONEY AS A BY-PRODUCT

Much of the usual tithe-talk revolves about money; the money we owe; the way it should be paid; and, most of all, how it will come rolling into the Church's coffers as the tithers increase in money and prosperity.

All of which is true enough. But money is not the first or the greatest result of accepting the tithe obligation. Money is only a by-product of tithing.

The average Christian, and, I think, the average minister, think about giving to religious work as a sort of piety-thermometer. Like reading the Bible, or taking time for prayer, the more of all this we do, the better.

But when we think of the tithe as being God's plan for taking us into partnership, we are not dealing with the vague idea of being a better Christian. It is something definite, like joining the Church. Either I am a Church member or I am not. Either I pay the tithe or I don't.

That is all as it should be. The trouble comes when the harrassed pastor or Church committee see, as they do in the first moment of looking at the tithe, that here is a door of escape from all their woes.

The tithe does produce revenue, but that is not its chief glory, nor even that it produces larger revenue than the old absence of method. The tithe's chief glory is that it is absolutely in accord with the program of our faith.

Now, money is personal, in a most intimate sense. It serves the possessor in a thousand ways.

Well, if as a disciple of Jesus I put his authority first, as a Golden Rule Christian, must I not Christianize my money?

The only way to do that is to admit God's first claim on it, as he has on me. In other words, **to pay him the tithe**. Not as a money-getter for the Church, but to make me a Christian all the way through.

The world has tried for centuries to run its affairs on the principle of "looking out for Number One," and has made a poor job out of it.

Christ's program shifts the emphasis: "Seek ye **first** the Kingdom of God." Of course, "all these things shall be added unto you."

But that is not the main product of Christianity. The Kingdom is the great object and outcome. The Christian's well-being is its inevitable by-product. So is it with the tithe. Obedience, here as elsewhere, produces blessing both spiritual and temporal.

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A Newspaper Man Tells Why He Tithes

By ROBERT QUILLEN

Mr. Quillen is a well-known newspaper man whose writings have been syndicated and distributed very widely. He is a frequent contributor to popular magazines. The following was written at the request of the United Stewardship Council, the interdenominational organization for promotion of Christian stewardship.

"God's plan is the sensible and business-like plan. At the end of each month I know to a dollar the amount of my earnings, and one-tenth of that amount is set apart as God's share, to be used in his work. It isn't a large sum, but it has increased in size every year since I began to tithe, and I am old-fashioned enough to believe that God had much to do with the increase.

"I was once asked in a meeting of tithers, if the payment of the tithe had not brought me a spiritual blessing, and I answered frankly that I did not know. I do not know how to define a spiritual blessing. It is a careless term, much misused. At any rate, I am content to consider the matter as a cold-blooded business proposition and leave the discussion of the spiritual side to those more competent to understand it.

"Running God's business is much like running any other business. You cannot foot the bills unless the cash comes in. And the greater the amount of cash coming in, the more you can expand the business.

"I think one great weakness of the church is too much sentiment and not enough sound business sense—too much joy in the fact of heaven and not enough sane effort to make earth a little more like heaven. My own opinion is that songs of praise cause much less rejoicing in heaven than an organized effort to relieve the sufferings of humanity.

"Christ drew but one picture of the judgment, and there he pictured men condemned because they had not ministered to their fellows, and others rewarded, because in serving humanity they served Christ. It should be clear enough, therefore, that man best serves God by serving his fellows.

"If this be true, charities of every nature are the peculiar province of the church of Christ and not of secular organizations.

"It will be answered at once that the church has not the money to handle these matters. Certainly it hasn't. And it never will have until it adopts God's reasonable plan. And it never will have the prestige it should have until it follows in Christ's footsteps and goes about doing good.

"If every professing Christian paid a tenth of his earnings into the church, and the hungry, the sick, the maimed and the

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Sunday Evening, September 26

The High School and Junior High Young People will meet at the church at 5:00 P.M. for choir lunch, worship and recreation. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical, sponsors. Mrs. John Baughman will direct choir.

THIS IS IT

We talk about our Christian duty in action. Robin Miller, a youth in the Eighth grade in school is a 4-H Club member, Boy Scout, Christian youth in our church. He sold his cow and calf (4-H project). He asked his minister if he could put the money in a "Certificate" for his church. Of course he can. This young man reflects the Christian spirit of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller.

NOTES

The Secret Place for the next quarter is now placed in the Narthex.

Alex M. Campbell is speaking at our church at Butler, Ind., this week and on Laymen's Sunday at Bluffton, Ind.

DR. TOYOHITA KAGAWA

The great Christian of Japan, as famous as Ghandi, for his great services to his country and to the Christian religion, Founder of the Kingdom of God Movement, will be in Fort Wayne Sunday, September 26th. Every member, every youth should attend this meeting which will be held at Trinity English Lutheran Church at 7:30 P.M. You should be there at 7 P.M. to get a good seat.

WEDDING BELLS

LuAnn Allen and David M. Engleman were united in marriage in a beautiful service in our church.

NEW BABIES IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Overby are the proud parents of a fine little boy, Patrick Lee, born last week at Parkview Hospital. Congratulations!

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Maro Bolinger is recovering from a recent illness.

Mrs. Wm. Tracey's mother is ill at her home, 804 Colerick.

Mr. Albert Egly is gradually improving at his home, 1927 N. Wells St.

Mrs. W. F. Lear has been ill at her home.

ONE DAY DISTRICT CONVENTION

District One, Disciples of Christ will hold its Fall One-day District Conference at the Church of Christ, Auburn, Indiana, Sunday, October 3. A cordial invitation has been given this congregation and its pastor to attend this meeting at Auburn.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

"Parcels for Peace" this year will be shared with destitute little children and homeless men and women in those countries which have been ravaged by war. Every parcel should be accompanied by 8c for every pound collected to cover the cost of sorting and packing. Mark your Parcels "World Community Day Project" the name of your Church and your Church group. World Community Day Service will be held at Bethany Presbyterian Church, Nov. 5th at 2 P.M.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Fern Teeple, 717 Union Street on Friday evening, October 1 at 8 P.M.



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14 WEEKS DEVOTION OCTOBER 1 — DECEMBER 31

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday brings first worship service in our FOURTEEN WEEKS OF DEVOTION. "Experienced help wanted" appears as an ad in the daily newspaper. God claims our experience. Experience cannot be purchased or taught, it is gained by trial, by practice, by having come to grips with life and its tasks. Experience is a trust as Christians. Henry Drummond being asked if the need for the Church was not "more men behind the Church" answered, "not so much more as a better brand of men." Selfish people, small minds, little programs, disciples who follow afar off, hinder the work of Jesus.

ENTER WITH YOUR HEART INTO THESE 14 WEEKS. THE EXPERIENCE will make you a better brand of Christian, with experience.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:00 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Solo: Mrs. J. E. Weicker

Anthem: "Bless Us O Lord" by Hamblen
Sanctuary Choir

Sermon: "Through Failure to Security"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

1954-55 is Stewardship year among Disciples of Christ. Include the whole family. Bring your family with you this Sunday.

C.Y.F.

Next Sunday, October 3, the High School and Junior High young people will have a picnic and hamburger fry at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Young, 507 Lower Huntington Rd. at 4:30 P.M. Meet at the Church at 4 o'clock. Bring table service and a covered dish of food.

**FALL DISTRICT CONVENTION
AUBURN, OCTOBER 3rd, 2:30 P.M.**

Those participating on Program from Fort Wayne are: our pastor, James Shockney, Rev. Russell Palmer, G. E. Hicks, Miss Peggy Nichols, Rev. Maurice Thompson brings the Evening message. Dr. Beauford Norris will represent Butler University.

WE WILL BE ON THE AIR OVER WGL SUNDAY

a method, even God's original method, for raising money. I have been watching it lift ideals and standards and horizons. It has even lifted me and raised my values. I know, for I was there when it was done.

It Is a Fact!

He who runs through the churches can read in big letters why some of them are at low ebb. They are cluttered with the junk of money-raising devices that are neither impious nor immoral, but you just watch them scrapped when the church gets its nerve and begins to tithe! Are there not churches so busy raising their finances that they can only dream of getting out and reaching folks? To free their hands would be to free their souls as well, and would set them going for God. The titheless church is likely to be a nerveless church; it dare not move unless the Aid Society chart the whole way or some rich member pave it for them. Finance is a ball and chain in many a church. Tithing would give it wings for leaden weights.

Abundant Proof

Has not Malachi 3:10 been demonstrated again and again among us? I can mentally call the roll of the churches that I have seen lifted by the tithe. I can call another roll of people and churches who are being shriveled because they would not squarely face the step that took faith and decision of character.

CONDENSED "LAYMAN" EXPERIENCES

In my opinion children enjoy tithing more than older people. Of one thing I am sure, both by experience and observation, the size or amount of our gifts bears an extremely small relation to the pleasure of giving. This applies to people of all ages.

I have never either sought or received many testimonials from wealthy people or large givers. What they give is interesting as news and as we think of the good their large gifts will help in having done. There is one fact however, about them which is of the utmost interest and importance. I have never known or heard of a giver of very large amounts in this or any other country who did not commence tithing very early in life.

This is a fitting place and opportune time to put in a single sentence the experience of an average lifetime. I have never seen or known a long-faced tither. All I have ever known wear smiling faces. Knowing, as we all do, that the seat and source of all real happiness is within us, is not this fact of the utmost significance?

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Your Tithe is an Automatic Revolver

By DAN B. BRUMMITT

Of all the plans, methods, devices, schemes, and proposals for financing the work of the church, *the tithe is the only one which always and everywhere collects itself!*

This is a pretty tall statement, but its reasonableness can be easily shown. There are three proofs, at least.

The tither either keeps his tithe in a separate purse or a box or keeps an account of his income, and of his offerings. Otherwise he couldn't possibly tithe.

A pretty large proportion of non-tithers keep no detailed, concrete account of their "giving." They keep one in their feelings, usually; but that record operates like a deranged taximeter: it registers at least twice for every revolution of the wheels. Few non-tithers realize how little they give.

The tither never looks at his accumulating tithe and thinks it too large. If he did, that moment he would cease to be a tither.

The non-tither looks less frequently at his ability, and more often at the multiplying "calls."

This is the reason that an increase in statements of need tends to draw less money out of non-tithing pockets, by the law of diminishing returns. Tales of need soon cease to excite friendly interest; rather they irritate and dismay, when the individual has passed the point of giving "all he can afford."

The tither never thinks of the tithe as his own, and therefore he pays it out promptly in behalf of its owner.

The non-tither thinks of all his money as his own, until the moment of parting from it. So he is inclined to delay the separation as long as possible, and postpone it to the day of his death if he can.

Among all the innumerable benefits of the tithe, O brethren who fear its legalism and its literalism, is this: cheerfully and promptly and without asking any discount for cash *it collects itself*. With every revolution of the sun which brings new income to the tither, the tithe also revolves into full-orbed view. It is an absolute safe and harmless automatic revolver!

Malachi 3:10 Still Works

WILLIAM H. PHELPS

More Than a Method

The tithe has gradually ceased to be with me a matter of money and has come to be an affair of the heart. I am apt to forget that it is

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WEDDING BELLS

Wedding Bells rang out for Miss Janic Fuchshuber and Warren W. Webster last Saturday, September 25th. Their home for the present in New London, Conn.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

October 3 Gail J. Roe — Harold W. Crowder
10 James R. Shockney — Floyd E. Morrical
17 Henry M. Flowers — Glenn R. Miller
24 Eural G. Rose — Cecil Rice
31 John E. Merrill — Albert Egly

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Captain Paul A. Strawser, A-69214; William Vunora, C. D. Palmer, Homer Stevenson, Mark Crouse, George Bruckman, Jack E. Weicker, M. F. Mörkoetter, Jay J. McCarel, Herbert Banet, David Griggs, Fred Wilson, Paul Truby.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The October meeting will be held Tuesday evening, October 7 at 7:45.

CERTIFICATE FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

We are reaching the completion of our Certificate Fund Raising Campaign and want to be sure every church member has a chance to participate in this program. If you have not been contacted we would like for you to contact the Church office, Mr. Myers, Mr. Roe for an application blank. Those of you who have participated and have not sent in your check, please send it to Mr. Myers or the church office.

Gail Roe, Chairman, Official Board
Sherman Myers, Chairman, Board of Trustees.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Paul Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Dale Parkerson, 3216 Crescent Avenue on Thursday, October 7 at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Parkerson will give the program and Mrs. Siple the devotions.

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, 926 Lake Avenue, Wednesday, October 6 at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. M. L. Herr will present the program and Mrs. Maude Thurman will bring devotions.

The Edna Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. Kenneth Kern, 124 West Wildwood Ave., Tuesday, October 5th, at 1:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. Henry Flowers, Worship by Mrs. Ray Woodhull.

ANNUAL HARVEST INGATHERING EMILY E. FLINN HOME, MARION

Will be held Sunday, October 10th. Program by members of Dye Circle will be at 3:00 P.M. at the Home. Husbands and families are cordially invited. Gifts of food and money may be brought to the Church. The food should be placed on the table in the Narthex. Funds should be given Mrs. Morrical or Mrs. Vaught.

NEW BABIES IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A little son, born September 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Craig.

A little daughter, born September 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Y. Adams.

AMONG OUR SICK

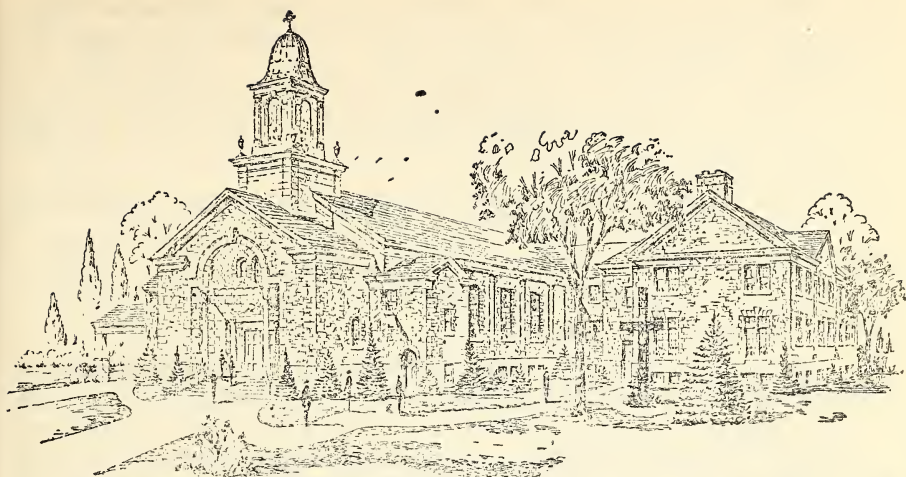
Mrs. David Engleman has returned to her home.

Mrs. John Neal is a surgery patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Kate McKay was injured in an automobile accident on her 73rd birthday. She is recovering at her home.

AN EXAMPLE

Ed and Lee Crowell sold their bonds to buy church certificates. These fellows are members of our Church and Church School.



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Number 1

GOD CLAIMS OUR WORSHIP

The Christian Steward regards it as his prime duty and privilege to worship God in the beauty of holiness, at least once a week — to receive Communion from the Lord's Table, unless hindered by works of necessity or mercy. What is the situation in America? Our own Church is far above the average when 40% of our people are in Church—scarcely ever up to 50%.

Over a score of men who came into First Christian this year are calling (during these 14 weeks of devotion) on two families a week for ten weeks inviting those outside the church to attend our services.

How about the rest of us? Are we evidencing the spirit of good stewardship?

BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND KEEP IT.

THIS DO — OFT.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells—10:25 A.M.

Offertory Solo: "Spirit of God"

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Mrs. L. A. Horn, Soloist—Neidlinger

Anthem "I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness"—Dvorak

Sanctuary Choir

Sermon: "The Deeper Struggle"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

C.Y.F. — 5:30 P.M.

The C.Y.F. High School and Junior High Young people will meet at 5:30 for lunch. A program of Worship, study and recreation will follow.

23 young people enjoyed a Hayride to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowker's farm last Saturday evening, and 23 young people were present for the hamburger fry and picnic at the home of John and Robert Young, Lower Huntington Road, last Sunday evening.

All young people of these groups are cordially invited to attend our C.Y.F. meetings and parties.

There was a pause. After a moment, Mr. Mercer said slowly: "Why, chicken, I don't just know. I guess I've never thought much about it—before."

"Well," remarked Mildred determinedly, "I've been thinking about it, and I want an allowance so I can tithe, too." She spoke with the assurance of an only child.

Her father laughed outright. "I suppose you have been seriously considering this matter for a long time?"

"Uh-huh. All during Dr. Brown's sermon this morning."

"Can't I, mother?" insistently.

"We'll see," she answered.

After dinner as she sat trying to read, the voices and laughter of her husband and the little girls who sat in the porch-swing, floated in to her. She caught the word "tithe" again. . . . Then she heard her husband calling: "Come out here, Bess; it's lots cooler than inside. And I want to talk to you." She went out and sat down beside him on the swing. Mildred and Peggy had gone with friends for an auto ride.

"It's that tithing business that Mildred wants to begin," began Mr. Mercer somewhat hesitatingly. "I've been quizzing Peggy a little, and say, that child knows a lot more about the value of money than Mildred does. . . . Peggy knows what she is doing when she puts aside a tenth. Evidently Margaret and Robert have looked after that part of her education pretty carefully. But the situation is this, Bess; If tithing isn't going to be merely a passing fad with our girl, we'll have to begin, too. Right away. What do you think about it?"

"James Mercer, I don't know what has got into you. I never thought you would ever consent to such a thing. You—you always laugh so at church finance."

"Of course, I have laughed at the utterly unbusinesslike methods the church has used to pay its running expenses, but say, this is a different proposition altogether. You should have heard Judge Jordan this morning in the Bible Class. He put this whole matter so clearly that when he was finally through we didn't have a word to say. . . . I had to pass out the pledge cards this morning, and have several left in my pocket. What do you say to each one of us signing up and beginning now? We've been slow enough in starting, the Lord knows!"

He misunderstood her momentary silence, and added persuasively, "Just think what it will mean to Mil—"

But Mrs. Mercer was feeling for her handkerchief. "Give me that card—and your pen," she said—though her voice was not quite steady.

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When Jim Mercer Signed Up

By May Wilson

"Mildred! Do hurry, or you'll be late to Sunday school. It's twenty-five after nine. Collection? O, my goodness! I wonder if I have any change. . . . Yes, luckily, here are four pennies. You may have two, Mildred, and here are two for Peggy."

"I've got my collection, Aunt Bessie," answered Peggy, adding in matter-of-fact way, "I take it out of my tithe."

"O! Well, then, you had better run, or Mildred will spoil her class record."

Mrs. Mercer watched them for a moment with a puzzled, almost vexed, frown. "Her tithe," she reflected, as she turned from the doorway to her dishwashing. "Now what do you suppose Peggy meant by that? Margaret always was a tithing enthusiast, and I expect she has already begun to train Peggy. But Peggy is only ten. It's ridiculous. Still, I suppose it's just as well to begin young."

"H-m-m, I remember when Margaret first started to tithe," she meditated. "She almost persuaded me, too, but I thought I would wait until I began working, and then she was away teaching, so I never did start. And then I got married. Jim is such a tease about the way the church does things that I never dare mention it. Well, it seems like a good thing; but, pshaw, there's no use even thinking about it—Jim never would agree to it."

Later she joined her husband and the girls in church. Dr. Brown announced for his text Malachi 3:10. Tithing! Mrs. Mercer stifled an impulse to laugh as she stole a sidewise glance at her husband. He seemed unusually thoughtful. She recalled that July had been set aside as Stewardship month. She hadn't heard the first sermon of the series last Sunday, but Jim had. Strange he hadn't said a word about it!

At dinner, she hesitated to mention the morning's sermon. She was afraid Jim would shock Peggy with his jocular remarks. Mildred, however, unexpectedly broached the subject.

"Mother, what do you think? Peggy does what Dr. Brown was preaching about."

Mrs. Mercer noticed a curious expression flicker over her husband's face.

"Does what?" he queried. "I think you ought to let me into this secret."

"Pays a tenth of her allowance every week to God. She says her father and mother always do, too. Why don't you, daddy?"

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MEN'S FORUM

5 to 7 P.M. SUNDAY EVENING

Mr. Wilson Criswell is guest speaker, his subject, "Godliness, Cleanliness, Foresightedness". Special music on the trombone by Dwight Flowers, accompanied by Kenny Myers. The food committee is: David Griggs, Wm. Crouse, Kenneth Edwards and Ralph Bogan. All men in the Church and their friends are invited to attend.

OFFICIAL BOARD

Will meet Tuesday evening, October 12, at 7:45 P.M. at the Church.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

CHRISTMAS CARDS — CHRISTMAS CARDS — CHRISTMAS CARDS — Get your orders in early. The Dr. Dye Circle, Mrs. Hugh Rice; The Gish Circle, Mrs. Henry Flowers; The McGavran Circle, Mrs. Clendenen; are selling Christmas cards and have samples from which to order.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Alma Beck, 533, East Wayne Street on Monday evening, October 11, at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. Wm. Tracey, Devotions by Mrs. Howard Wise. You are reminded to bring your items for "Bundles for Peace".

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. Wm. Conrad, 1301 Lynn Ave., Monday evening, October 11. Members are requested to bring items for "Bundles for Peace".

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. T. D. Eddleman, 4424 Lillie St. on Tuesday evening, October 12 at 8 P.M. Mrs. Charles Ludwig, co-hostess.

RUMMAGE SALE

October 22-23, 2028 So. Hanna

It is time to begin collecting our rummage for the sale on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 22-23. Circles are requested to care for their collections. Others please bring your contributions to the church on or before the 20th. Thank you.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Beihany Presbyterian Church — Friday, November 5, 2:00 P.M.

"Bundles for Peace" may be made up of warm garments for Children, remnants of materials for mothers to make clothing for children, household linens and blankets. Circles should have their bundles at the church before November 5th. We are all invited to attend the services at Bethany.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Wilbur Whinery is ill at his daughter's home in Lafayette.

Mrs. Donald Bowers is ill at her home, 4915 McClellan St.

Mr. J. Hugh Tracey is suffering from lame foot injured at work.

ANNUAL HARVEST INGATHERING

EMILY E. FLINN HOME, MARION

Directions for driving to Emily E. Flinn Home: Highway 24 to Huntington, Highway No. 9 to Marion, stay on highway 9 driving over two over-passes, then on to 10th street (a sign pointing to the Home will be seen at this point) make left turn on 10th street and drive to South "D" street, make a right turn to 12th street, turn left on 12th and the Home is within a city block. Annual Harvest Ingathering will be held Sunday, October 10th. Program by members of Dye Circle will be at 3:00 P.M. at the Home. Husbands and families are cordially invited. Gifts of food and money may be brought to the Church. The food should be placed on the table in the Narthex. Funds should be given Ms. Morrical or Mrs. Vaught.



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LAYMEN'S SUNDAY — OCTOBER 17

GOD CLAIMS OUR TIME

It is to be expected that Christian men and women will devote time to worthwhile causes outside the church. Civic reform, social service, United Fund organizations, forward movements.

These are well and good **IF** they fail not to build up that divine institution which God has entrusted to us — **His Church.**

Nothing in all the world is so ideal as a service set before us by the Lord of The Church. **Worship Give Pray Share Teach Serve Sing Visit**

Redeem The Time

This Sunday four of our fine laymen, Dr. A. C. Worley, Harley Meadows, Powell Rayburn and William J. Olsen will participate at the Lectern and at the Pulpit as "A Laymen's Sunday" observance.

Our High School young men will receive the offering.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Dr. A. C. Worley, Mr. Powell Rayburn

Mr. Harley Meadows, Mr. William J. Olsen will share in service.

Offertory Solo: Selected

Anthem: "Lauda Anima" Andrews

Miss Anita Fitch, Guest Director

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Parent-Teacher Workshop is scheduled for Sunday evening, October 17, at 7 o'clock. Please meet in Fellowship Hall where the welcoming address will be given by Rev. Beck. Mr. John Talbott will be present to guide the workshop. Parents will visit their children's class room and meet the teacher who will explain what they are attempting to do and how they are using the material and how it may be tied into the homes. The children will not go to the class rooms but younger will be cared for in the Nursery. The older will be entertained with a movie in Fellowship Hall. Mr. Talbott will be here at 3 P.M. when teachers may consult with him prior to the workshop.

whether he was paying one-tenth or more of his income toward the extension of the Kingdom of Christ?

Then he told of the simple plan of the "red checks." Every check he writes for the work of the church or for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ in any of its manifold phases is written in red ink. At the end of the year, the "RED CHECKS" are all assembled and carefully computed and then the definite tithing account is balanced, to discover whether the "RED CHECKS" equal at least one-tenth of his income. I would not dare to tell you how far beyond the tenth the red checks add up. They always surpass the tenth by a large amount.

No Guess Work With God

It was refreshing to talk with a man who would not do guess work with God. It is a constant amazement to me how fitfully and fractionally the average man deals with God. . . .

We deposit money in the bank; we keep books with the banks. Our grocer keeps books with us; our brother keeps books with us; our physician keeps books with us; our lawyer keeps books with us; our garage keeps books with us; our tax collector keeps books with us; we would be financial wrecks if we did not keep books.

Why do we not keep books with God? Is it because we do not dare? Is it because we are careless? Is it because we think it is not worth while? I challenge every Christian to keep an accurate tithing account with God. . . .

During that luncheon conversation my host said, "I have two business partners. I would not think of doing a crooked thing with either of them. Neither would I do a crooked thing with God." He treated his financial accounts with God just as he expected his bookkeeper to keep the books of the concern with which he was identified. Every bookkeeper faces the coming of the auditor. . . .

"Not the Same Man"

When I pressed the inquiry with my friend, what difference it made whether a man was a conscientious tither, he quietly replied: "HE IS NOT THE SAME MAN." The deepest joy of his life is the conscious presence of God in his life which results from the partnership which he enjoys with Christ in helping to redeem the world. He went away with a joy in his heart unknown to the world. He is a partner of Christ. He is a human redeemer. He counts his "red checks" with the glow of God in his heart. What does your check book say? What kind of an account do you keep with God?

BEGIN NOW!

The Man Who Wrote Red Checks

By Bishop Theodore S. Henderson

It was the luncheon hour. On the invitation of a prominent, prosperous business man of Detroit, I was to have an hour of earnest conversation about the work of Christ. The food was palatable, but there was meat to eat at that table of which the average business man knows all too little.

Before long our conversation was directed toward the investment of one's self and substance in the redemptive program of Christ. As I watched this princely Christian, I ventured to ask, "Tell me, when and how did you become a tither?"

There was first a twinkle and then a flash in his kindly gleaming eye as he said in substance: "More than twenty-six years ago as a young man I was at the parting of the ways concerning my life work. One of our family urged me to be a doctor, but with me it was a choice between a preacher and a business man. I coveted the opportunity to be a business man with the pledge that I would not forget God."

"This is no easy task for a prosperous business man," I interjected, "but how did it occur that you entered into such a covenant with God?" For I knew my host to be a man of prayer; with a genuine, vital religious life; of superb generosity; and a most capable leader among merchant princes.

The Pledge of Partnership

"When in my teens," said my friend, "I knew that my father, who was a Methodist minister, must leave the city of Detroit, because in those days there was a time limit beyond which Methodist ministers could not stay. I desired greatly to remain in Detroit, and walked down the street determined I would try my fortunes in the business world. Every step of the way on the streets of Detroit, I promised God that if He would help me in securing a business position, I would always pay Him one-tenth of all I earned. From that day to this, I have kept my vow."

He did not need to tell me that he had kept a tither's vow, for he was always ready to invest his money in the work of Christ up to the last limit of his ability. His first salary was three dollars a week, but his vow to tithe his income was rigidly and religiously kept through all those years.

As he talked on very modestly in response to my inquiries, I asked him to tell me how he kept account of his tithing. How could he tell

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

There will NOT be a C.Y.F. meeting this Sunday evening. The youth will go to West Creighton Avenue Christian Church for a District Youth Meet at 2:30 P.M., meeting here at 2:15 and going in a body. The registration fee is \$1.00 per person which includes the evening meal. The meeting will close at 7:30 P.M. All youth ages 12 to 24 years are invited. The program includes study, worship, games. You are urged to attend.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship will meet on Monday afternoon, October 18. The Executive at 1:15 P.M. in the Chapel. The General meeting at 2 P.M. in the Church Parlor. Worship will be given by the Gish Circle. Program by the Dye Circle. Mrs. J. J. Farwell, guest speaker will review the book, "Jeep Tracks". Hospitality—Kepple Circle. Refreshments—McGravran Circle. We urge all members to be present to hear this story told as only Mrs. Farwell can tell it. Mrs. Farwell is acting secretary of the Fort Wayne Associated Churches.

RUMMAGE SALE

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Mrs. Ella Diss is a patient in room 171 Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kane is a patient in Parkview Hospital.



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GOD CLAIMS OUR HEART

The innermost part of ones being is his heart. The heart is his study room where he thinks things over—the court room where he makes life's decisions—the safety deposit box where he places his treasure.

"Where your treasure is,
There will your heart be also."

The heart is where one really lives. You cannot always go by what one says or does, but, "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he".

One may be coaxed into joining the Church, he may be prevailed upon to work for the Church, or contribute to the Kingdom, but until his heart is in it you have not won that person.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP PHILOSOPHY is a most glorious thing if and when one's heart is in it.

MY SON,
GIVE ME THINE HEART

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory Sole: Selected
Anthem: "Be Still, My Soul" Sibelius
Miss Anita Fitch, Guest Director
Preacher: Our Pastor

Sermon:

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

C.Y.F. — 5:00 P.M.

The High School Choir will rehearse at 5 o'clock this Sunday evening, followed with lunch. The Worship period will begin at 5:45 P.M. with study and recreation and plans will be made for the Halloween party to be held on October 31st.

THE UNITED FUND

Without the support given by Church people our local Social Services would be lost to the needy of our city. The United Fund carefully screens those Agencies seeking support from our citizens and supports only those who justify their work and existence.

There was a pause. After a moment, Mr. Mercer said slowly: "Why, chicken, I don't just know. I guess I've never thought much about it—before."

"Well," remarked Mildred determinedly, "I've been thinking about it, and I want an allowance so I can tithe, too." She spoke with the assurance of an only child.

Her father laughed outright. "I suppose you have been seriously considering this matter for a long time?"

"Uh-huh. All during Dr. Brown's sermon this morning."

"Can't I, mother?" insistently.

"We'll see," she answered.

After dinner as she sat trying to read, the voices and laughter of her husband and the little girls who sat in the porch-swing, floated in to her. She caught the word "tithe" again. . . . Then she heard her husband calling: "Come out here, Bess; it's lots cooler than inside. And I want to talk to you." She went out and sat down beside him on the swing. Mildred and Peggy had gone with friends for an auto ride.

"It's that tithing business that Mildred wants to begin," began Mr. Mercer somewhat hesitatingly. "I've been quizzing Peggy a little, and say, that child knows a lot more about the value of money than Mildred does. . . . Peggy knows what she is doing when she puts aside a tenth. Evidently Margaret and Robert have looked after that part of her education pretty carefully. But the situation is this, Bess; If tithing isn't going to be merely a passing fad with our girl, we'll have to begin, too. Right away. What do you think about it?"

"James Mercer, I don't know what has got into you. I never thought you would ever consent to such a thing. You—you always laugh so at church finance."

"Of course, I have laughed at the utterly unbusinesslike methods the church has used to pay its running expenses, but say, this is a different proposition altogether. You should have heard Judge Jordan this morning in the Bible Class. He put this whole matter so clearly that when he was finally through we didn't have a word to say. . . . I had to pass out the pledge cards this morning, and have several left in my pocket. What do you say to each one of us signing up and beginning now? We've been slow enough in starting, the Lord knows!"

He misunderstood her momentary silence, and added persuasively, "Just think what it will mean to Mil—"

But Mrs. Mercer was feeling for her handkerchief. "Give me that card—and your pen," she said—though her voice was not quite steady.

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When Jim Mercer Signed Up

By May Wilson

"Mildred! Do hurry, or you'll be late to Sunday school. It's twenty-five after nine. Collection? O, my goodness! I wonder if I have any change. . . . Yes, luckily, here are four pennies. You may have two, Mildred, and here are two for Peggy."

"I've got my collection, Aunt Bessie," answered Peggy, adding in matter-of-fact way, "I take it out of my tithe."

"O! Well, then, you had better run, or Mildred will spoil her class record."

Mrs. Mercer watched them for a moment with a puzzled, almost vexed, frown. "Her tithe," she reflected, as she turned from the doorway to her dishwashing. "Now what do you suppose Peggy meant by that? Margaret always was a tithing enthusiast, and I expect she has already begun to train Peggy. But Peggy is only ten. It's ridiculous. Still, I suppose it's just as well to begin young."

"H-m-m, I remember when Margaret first started to tithe," she meditated. "She almost persuaded me, too, but I thought I would wait until I began working, and then she was away teaching, so I never did start. And then I got married. Jim is such a tease about the way the church does things that I never dare mention it. Well, it seems like a good thing; but, pshaw, there's no use even thinking about it—Jim never would agree to it."

Later she joined her husband and the girls in church. Dr. Brown announced for his text Malachi 3:10. Tithing! Mrs. Mercer stifled an impulse to laugh as she stole a sidewise glance at her husband. He seemed unusually thoughtful. She recalled that July had been set aside as Stewardship month. She hadn't heard the first sermon of the series last Sunday, but Jim had. Strange he hadn't said a word about it!

At dinner, she hesitated to mention the morning's sermon. She was afraid Jim would shock Peggy with his jocular remarks. Mildred, however, unexpectedly broached the subject.

"Mother, what do you think? Peggy does what Dr. Brown was preaching about."

Mrs. Mercer noticed a curious expression flicker over her husband's face.

"Does what?" he queried. "I think you ought to let me into this secret."

"Pays a tenth of her allowance every week to God. She says her father and mother always do, too. Why don't you, daddy?"

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ACTIONS SPEAK

The radio told the story of an interested Sunday School Worker who noticed parents delivering and picking up children, but not attending services. He noted who they were and set out to call on them.

"When do you teach your children they don't need God any longer?" he would innocently and sincerely inquire. They would answer:

"Why, we never teach them they outgrow their need for God!"

"Oh," he would reply, "I thought you did because I have noticed that you don't attend any service of worship."

—Clipped

THE KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergarten Department needs: bookcases, small chest of drawers, child's table (to seat four), child size China cupboard (not doll size), toy trucks and cars, 2x4's cut to six, eight and twelve inch lengths and sanded for building blocks. Money would be gratefully accepted and used to paint and repair equipment donated. If you have any of these, leave your name and phone number with one of the kindergarten teachers, or call Mrs. Henry Vernard, H-26974.

OUR SYMPATHY

Mrs. Reba Smeed of Garrett, sister to Mr. Grover C. Cahow passed away Monday, October 18. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mr. Cahow and his family.

MONEY TALKS BACK

They do me an injustice who say that I am the cause of all the woes in the world.

I am an obedient servant, running on whatever errands I am sent.

I am always under orders.

Give me an opportunity and I will build the highways of peace, by which humanity may enter the Kingdom of God.

Loose me, and let me go, and I will carry healing to the suffering victims of hate and malice around the world.

Open the doors for me and I will build hospitals, train nurses, care for little children, comfort the aged, and provide food for the hungry.

I know no color lines. I serve all men with equal fidelity.

Give me the chance, and I will train youth in the highest and holiest ideals of Christianity and Democracy.

Just a little of me is necessary to establish and maintain institutions that build character. Much of me is necessary if invested in police, courts, and penal institutions.

Make me an ally of righteousness, and I will do much to bring in the Kingdom of God.

I am power.

I am waiting to serve the Lord Christ.

—Roy L. Smith, in Seattle "Spire"



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RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE

HE RESTORETH YOUR SOUL . . . WORSHIP TOGETHER THIS WEEK. This appealing message will reach millions of people across the country in a nationwide advertising campaign. It forms the central theme for an illustration showing a family entering its house of worship. Throughout November and the following months, the theme will be repeated by television and radio, on highway billboards, and in newspapers and magazines. The advertising is provided by American business for the Religion In American Life (RIAL) program to encourage regular attendance and support for all churches and synagogues.

"It was once said, 'America is great because America is good—and if America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.' By strengthening religious institutions, The Committee on Religion In American Life, Inc. is helping to keep America good. Thus it helps to keep America great. I earnestly hope that during November, and throughout this and every year, each American citizen will actively support the religious institutions of his own choice."

—President Eisenhower

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory Solo—Selected

Anthem: "Here My Prayer" James

Miss Anita Fitch, Guest Director

Sermon: "Atmosphere"

Preacher: Our Pastor

REFORMATION SUNDAY — OCTOBER 31

Reformation Sunday Union Service at Trinity English Lutheran Church, Sunday, October 31 at 7:30 P.M. Dr. Ray Freeman Jenny, Pastor Bryn Mawr Community Church, Chicago, is the speaker. The public is invited.

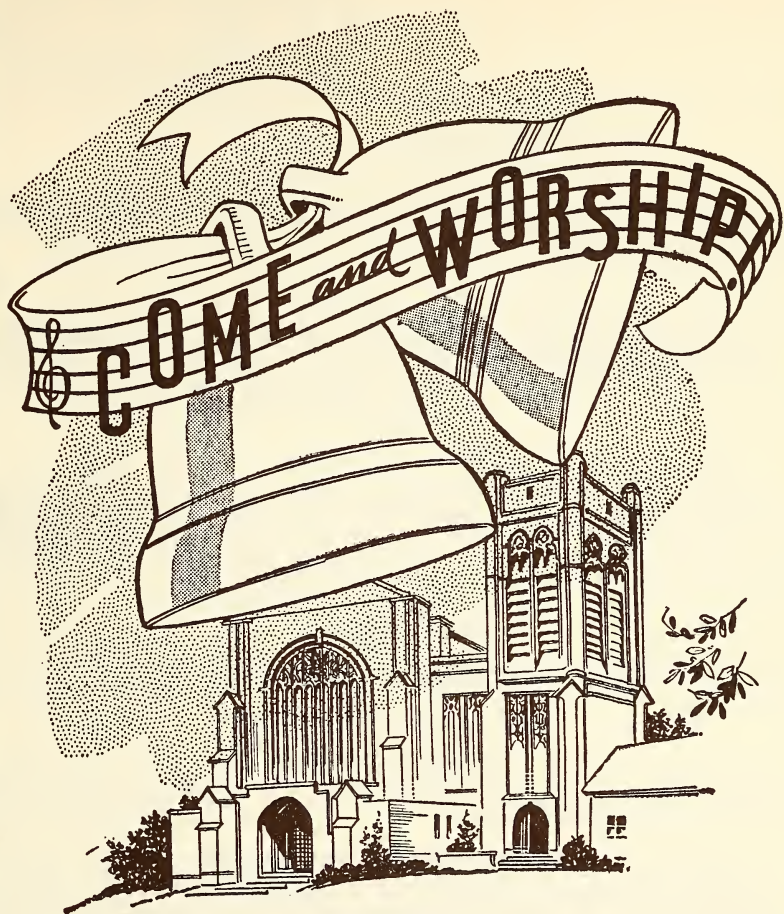


THE TITHE IN THE EARLY CHURCH

In writing to the Corinthian Church, Paul declared that God has ordained that the Christian ministry shall be supported out of the tithes in the Christian era just as were the Levites in Old Testament times. This would seem to indicate quite clearly that the tithe is binding upon the Christian Church. That the tithe was practiced by the early Christian Church is an historic fact. It was the support of their worship, their ministers and missionaries. Clement, Cyprian, Ambrose, Chrysostom, and Augustine laid great stress upon it. Ten Church Councils in the first nine hundred years required its payment. In fact, there is an unbroken record of tithe-paying for almost every decade since the founding of the Christian Church.

a. The Levites: "And unto the children of Levi, behold I have given all the tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service which they serve, even the service of the tent of meeting."—Numbers 18:21.

b. The Christian ministry: "Know ye not that they that minister about sacred things eat of the things of the temple, and they that wait upon the altar have their portion with the altar? Even so did the Lord ordain that they that proclaim the gospel should live of the gospel."—I Corinthians 9:13, 14.



Soul Satisfaction

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness."—Isaiah 55:1-2

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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Bibles for the Church School

The Church School Bibles are here and will be ready for use shortly. These are the gift of our members. If you have not already done so, please mail your check to the church office.

C.Y.F. — 6:30 P.M.

The High School Choir will not practice this Sunday evening. The High School boys and girls are having a Halloween Party in Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 8:30. You are requested to come masked. The Program: Fun, Prizes, refreshments for all.

BUNDLES FOR PEACE

You are requested to have your "bundles for peace" at the church before November 4th. 8c postage per pound is required. Mrs. H. W. Sigrist and Mrs. Alna Beck have volunteered to get these packages to the World Community Day Service, Friday, November 5 at Bethany Presbyterian Church. This meeting is sponsored by the Fort Wayne Council of Church Women.

JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Jack Kelly will appear on Sunday morning, November 7th. Rehearsal Wednesday afternoon at 4:00. Miss Alice Richard, Pianist.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Lona Miller, 2210 Ardmore Ave., on Friday evening, November 5th at 8 P.M.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Clayton Yoquelet, 7314 Bluffton Rd., Thursday, November 4th at 1:30 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Program, Mrs. Paul Truby.

The Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Dale Hiler, 2513 Miner St. Wednesday, November 3rd, at 1:30. Mrs. Charles Lee Green is assistant hostess. Mrs. David Hogg has the program.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. Milo Miller, 2133½ S. Lafayette St. Tuesday, November 2, at 1:30. Devotions by Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Book review by Mrs. David Hogg.

The Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 So. Webster St. Tuesday, November 2, at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. R. R. Ripple in charge of program, Devotions by Mrs. Ray Woodhull.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Richard W. Baker, is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 159.

A NEW BABY IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Shelley.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers last Sunday were the gift of Miss Ethel Shroyer and Mrs. Donald Smith in memory of their mother's birthday.



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RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE

The church's greatest single need is not more machinery or better, or more and novel methods, but men and women whom God can use. Throughout the world a new awakening is coming to Christian men and women as to the importance of their witness.

Throughout our nation this month, through the air, over television, in the newspapers, attention is being called to the place Religion should have in the life of our Country. Of course, this can have effect only as the Christ-life finds expression in daily living, in business, in church and community service.

Many laymen support their local churches with outstanding devotion. What great fields are open to Christians. There are numerous projects that contribute to a Christian world which can use the talents of any and all Christians.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY AND SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH LIBERALLY.

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Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.

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Offertory:

Junior Choir

Mrs. Jack M. Kelly, Director

Anthem: "Holy Lord God", Cain

Miss Anita Fitch, Guest Director

Sermon: "The Conclusion of the Matter"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

The High School and Junior High young people will meet **Sunday morning at 9 A.M.** in the Chapel for Choir rehearsal. All young people in these age groups are urged to come out for practice. Mrs. John Baughman is the director.

The Junior Choir meets every Wednesday at 4 P.M. with Mrs. Jack Kelly as director.

end of the week I audited the accounts. A few years later they were getting a dollar a week; and, to teach accuracy in keeping accounts, rewards and demerits were given. If the account was correct, the child received \$1.05 the following week, \$1.10 the next, and so on; if incorrect, only 95 cents, then 90, then 85."

These allowances never exceed a dollar or two dollars a week at the most, until the age of 15. By then, Mr. Rockefeller considers, a child that has been properly trained ought to be able to handle his own finances. So the allowance is increased to cover all expenses outside of living, education and medical service. It includes clothes, fares—if traveling alone—entertainment, candy, sodas and the like.

"I believe that children should know what to spend, how to spend, what things cost, whether a thing is worth buying—in short, the value of money. This, and keeping accounts, is important because of the principle underlying. It is of value to my children—to any child—to hold to the rigid fundamental principle of economics.

"I was brought up to do things that needed to be done, whether I liked them or not. At seven years of age I began playing the violin, and I used to get five cents an hour for practicing. But that sort of thing doesn't work these days—or at least the standards are higher! Even with children, five cents an hour isn't an inducement any more!

"But I do pay wages for errands or chores. If a child honestly works, he earns such pay. It stimulates the desire to work. I used to get 15 cents an hour for sawing wood. But these days it's different. Down in the country we have wood hauled to the house. My boys and I load and unload it, and I pay them for the job. Yes, the scale is higher than 15 cents!

"Education used to mean cramming the mind. Education really is learning how to use the mind. The tendency with many children of today is to follow the easiest way, the line of least resistance. You see it reflected in studies, in social life and in business.

"The modern theory of many people seems to be to let a child decide what he wants to do and then let him do it. Of course, we all do best the things we like doing. But life cannot be lived wholly that way. How can a child later learn how to avoid the things he should not do? A disorderly mind is an untrained one. . . .

"A boy should do the wholesome things his father had to do in so far as is possible. It will teach him what qualities made his father successful. I am sorry I did not have that sort of chance in some ways. I want my boys to start work at the bottom."

Layman Tithing Foundation, 8 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 3, Ill.

Training the Rockefeller Children

An Interview with John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

The following interview with Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. was first published by the N. E. A. Service, Inc.* The Stewardship Department of the New Era Organization of the General Council, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., having obtained the consent of Mr. Rockefeller and the N. E. A. Service, condensed and republished it. With the consent of all the parties above named, it was added to the list of Layman Company tithing publications.

While it does not directly teach tithing there is no question that Mr. Rockefeller and his children followed the example of his father and their grandfather, who was a tither from his early boyhood and was recognized as one of the wisest large givers the world has ever known.

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"I regret," said Mr. Rockefeller, "the passing of the old-fashioned woodpile. I have failed to find a modern equivalent of the woodpile of my father's boyhood. Wealth hurts children when they get too much of it. Just because a man can afford to hire people to wait on his children, is no reason why he should do it. I don't.

"They ought to be helped to form the habit of doing things for themselves—things that need to be done—whether they like to do them or not. I think many modern children are not developing the will power and self mastery that are essential to the solution of life's problems.

"That's what I mean about the woodpile. My father had to chop wood and do the milking. He probably didn't like doing the chores any better than most boys, but he acquired the habit of doing things he didn't like to do; his will was trained, and it helped him cope with other difficulties. . . .

"Commencing at the age of seven or eight, each of my children received an allowance of 30 cents a week. The understanding was that out of it they were TO SAVE AND TO GIVE, AS WELL AS TO SPEND. Ten cents were to be saved, ten to be given for church and Sunday school—for benevolence—and ten were for spending.

"I explained to them the importance of keeping accounts. At the

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C.Y.F. — 5:30 P.M.

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PURDUE CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION DINNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 6:30 P.M.

The Purdue Christian Foundation is having an area meeting in the form of a dinner to which officers and members of this church are invited. You should call in your reservations at once. The dinner will cost \$1.50. Mr. J. R. Mitchell, placement officer for Purdue University and an outstanding layman will be the guest speaker. Others from Purdue University will be present.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class will have a party on Saturday evening, November 6th. A pot-luck at 6:30 P.M. Coffee and rolls will be furnished by the committee. Please bring table service. Co-hostesses are: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Mm. Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. J. Frederic Smell.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Pauline Shank, 631½ W. Third St. Monday evening, November 8th, at 6:30 P.M.

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. S. E. Merriman, 2821 S. Anthony on Monday evening, November 8th at 8 o'clock. Members are reminded to bring Christmas gifts for the Emily Flinn Home.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

November 7	Grayston Cripe—Wm. H. Crouse
14	Dale Parkerson—Dr. A. C. Worley
21	Preston H. Somers—John Z. Berlien
28	Harold W. Crowder—Gail J. Roe

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Donald E. Coffman, Romane H. Cole, Chester Follis, Merland Heller, Clayton Yoquelet, Rolland Ripple, Wm. E. Tracey, Marvin Crouse, Powell Rayburn, Bret R. Young, Delmas Young, Maro Bolinger.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet on Tuesday evening, November 9 at 7:45 P.M.

ROSA PAGE WELCH

Mrs. Rosa Page Welch is scheduled to speak at the Third Presbyterian Church, 2330 S. Harrison St. at 10:15 A.M., 4:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. November 7th. The public is invited.

NOTES

The Sanctuary Choir members are honoring Mrs. Eva Mosier on Thursday evening, for her loyal and faithful service to the choir for many years.

The Chancel flowers for next Sunday morning are the gift of Mr. L. R. Mote honoring his Mother's Birthday, November 7th.

Our Pastor will be on television over WKJG-TV next Tuesday, November 9th at 1:25 P.M.



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RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE

"Do You Want Peace and Joy?"

Three ways have been indicated. The first comes from the East, the Orient. It's big word is **deny**. Reduce desire to the minimum; if possible let it vanish. Discontent and unhappiness come largely from unfulfilled desires. By self-denial one may at last lose all desire.

The second method is the Western Way. There is one word here. **GET**. It has produced feverish unrest, and each tries to get all he can.

The third comes from Jesus. The important word is **GIVE**. "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to GIVE his life a ransom for many." Matt. 20:28. "For whosoever shall save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the Gospel's, the same shall save it." Mark, 8:35.

Not self, but Christ and the Gospel should be the center.

The secret of peace and joy:

NOT to deny; NOT to get; But to GIVE

The Christian is **forgiven, forgiving** and stands for **giving**.

Come to Church Sunday and honor the Lord with Thy Substance.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory — Selected

Quartet—Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mr. and

Mrs. Robert Cocherille, Mr. J. Fred Smell

Miss Anita Fitch, Guest Director

Preacher: Our Pastor

Anthem: "Holy Lord God," Cain

Sermon: "What Makes The Difference?"

Wonderful congregation—great offering last Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Teachers and Officers of the Church School will have a Workers Conference on Wednesday evening, November 17 at 7:30, to make plans for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Junior and High School Young People will meet for worship service in the Chapel at 9:15 A.M. The **High School Choir** will meet in the **Choir Room at 9:00 A.M.** for rehearsal. Mrs. John Baughman, Director.

There was a pause. After a moment, Mr. Mercer said slowly: "Why, chicken, I don't just know. I guess I've never thought much about it—before."

"Well," remarked Mildred determinedly, "I've been thinking about it, and I want an allowance so I can tithe, too." She spoke with the assurance of an only child.

Her father laughed outright. "I suppose you have been seriously considering this matter for a long time?"

"Uh-huh. All during Dr. Brown's sermon this morning."

"Can't I, mother?" insistently.

"We'll see," she answered.

After dinner as she sat trying to read, the voices and laughter of her husband and the little girls who sat in the porch-swing, floated in to her. She caught the word "tithe" again. . . . Then she heard her husband calling: "Come out here, Bess; it's lots cooler than inside. And I want to talk to you." She went out and sat down beside him on the swing. Mildred and Peggy had gone with friends for an auto ride.

"It's that tithing business that Mildred wants to begin," began Mr. Mercer somewhat hesitatingly. "I've been quizzing Peggy a little, and say, that child knows a lot more about the value of money than Mildred does. . . . Peggy knows what she is doing when she puts aside a tenth. Evidently Margaret and Robert have looked after that part of her education pretty carefully. But the situation is this, Bess; If tithing isn't going to be merely a passing fad with our girl, we'll have to begin, too. Right away. What do you think about it?"

"James Mercer, I don't know what has got into you. I never thought you would ever consent to such a thing. You—you always laugh so at church finance."

"Of course, I have laughed at the utterly unbusinesslike methods the church has used to pay its running expenses, but say, this is a different proposition altogether. You should have heard Judge Jordan this morning in the Bible Class. He put this whole matter so clearly that when he was finally through we didn't have a word to say. . . . I had to pass out the pledge cards this morning, and have several left in my pocket. What do you say to each one of us signing up and beginning now? We've been slow enough in starting, the Lord knows!"

He misunderstood her momentary silence, and added persuasively, "Just think what it will mean to Mil—"

But Mrs. Mercer was feeling for her handkerchief. "Give me that card—and your pen," she said—though her voice was not quite steady.

When Jim Mercer Signed Up

By May Wilson

"Mildred! Do hurry, or you'll be late to Sunday school. It's twenty-five after nine. Collection? O, my goodness! I wonder if I have any change. . . . Yes, luckily, here are four pennies. You may have two, Mildred, and here are two for Peggy."

"I've got my collection, Aunt Bessie," answered Peggy, adding in matter-of-fact way, "I take it out of my tithe."

"O! Well, then, you had better run, or Mildred will spoil her class record."

Mrs. Mercer watched them for a moment with a puzzled, almost vexed, frown. "Her tithe," she reflected, as she turned from the doorway to her dishwashing. "Now what do you suppose Peggy meant by that? Margaret always was a tithing enthusiast, and I expect she has already begun to train Peggy. But Peggy is only ten. It's ridiculous. Still, I suppose it's just as well to begin young."

"H-m-m, I remember when Margaret first started to tithe," she meditated. "She almost persuaded me, too, but I thought I would wait until I began working, and then she was away teaching, so I never did start. And then I got married. Jim is such a tease about the way the church does things that I never dare mention it. Well, it seems like a good thing; but, pshaw, there's no use even thinking about it—Jim never would agree to it."

Later she joined her husband and the girls in church. Dr. Brown announced for his text Malachi 3:10. Tithing! Mrs. Mercer stifled an impulse to laugh as she stole a sidewise glance at her husband. He seemed unusually thoughtful. She recalled that July had been set aside as Stewardship month. She hadn't heard the first sermon of the series last Sunday, but Jim had. Strange he hadn't said a word about it!

At dinner, she hesitated to mention the morning's sermon. She was afraid Jim would shock Peggy with his jocular remarks. Mildred, however, unexpectedly broached the subject.

"Mother, what do you think? Peggy does what Dr. Brown was preaching about."

Mrs. Mercer noticed a curious expression flicker over her husband's face.

"Does what?" he queried. "I think you ought to let me into this secret."

"Pays a tenth of her allowance every week to God. She says her father and mother always do, too. Why don't you, daddy?"

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CHI RHO — 6:30 P.M.

The Chi Rho young people will meet next Sunday evening at 6:30. You are asked to bring sandwiches. Officers newly elected for 1955 are: John Johnston, President; Steven Tracey, Secretary; and Robert Young, Program Chairman.

C.Y.F. — 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

An interesting program is being arranged for next Sunday evening following lunch at 5:30 P.M. A Worship period and recreation is being planned.

MEN'S FORUM — 5 to 7 P.M.

LADIES' NIGHT

This will be a rather special occasion as the wives have been invited to accompany their husbands. Our speaker will be Miss Margaretta Horner, Teen-Age Director, Y.W.C.A. who was sent to Europe as a Community Ambassador in a Goodwill exchange experiment. She will present slides and explanation. Entertainment will consist of an outstanding String quartet of Fort Wayne including Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shambaugh and two other members. Financing the meal at 5:00 o'clock, prepared by Men's food committee, will be by contributions at the Forum, about \$1.50 per couple and 50c per additional guest. Please call one of the following persons for reservations: Harold Crowder, H-15675; John Merrill, H-57243; Henry Vernard, H-26974.

CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION

Of the \$7,000 additional which was needed to meet the agreement with the Banks and Contractors we now have \$2,175 leaving a balance of \$5,325 still to be raised. This is being added to the \$50,000 subscribed.

We need everyone to help us put over this drive. We know many of you have contributed. We would like for each of you to search his heart and do as much as possible to help us put over this project. We are sure that when this church is properly financed our current income will maintain it. Certificates are being mailed this week.

PARKING LOT AND DRIVE

It has been suggested that a program similar to the one carried out for the completion of our driveway be launched for the completion of our parking lot. The lot when finished will accomodate around 100 cars. A total of \$63.00 was collected from Board members present at their meeting Tuesday night. Any additional given to this fund will be greatly appreciated and can be paid in to the Church office.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Executive will meet in the Chapel next Monday, November 15 at 1:15 P.M. The General meeting and program will follow at 2:00 P.M. in the Church Parlor. A fine program is being arranged. We urge the Circle Chairmen to be present.

ANNUAL SUPPER AND BAZAAR

Th Annual turkey supper will be held in Fellowship Hall on Thursday evening, November 18 from 5 to 7. Tickets for the supper are \$1.50. You may get your ticket from any Circle President. Reservations should be in not later than the 16th. The **Bazaar Booths** will be open for business at 4:00 P.M. Pies for the Bazaar Bake Sale Booth should be two crust pies, soft pies do not sell easily. Let's all of us get behind this annual project 100%. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Come-Double Class will have a party and business meeting this Saturday evening, November 13 at 7:30 P.M. The project—painting the Kindergarten Room. Paint brushes and rollers are needed.

NEW BABY IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Thomas Dwight Eddleman Jr., born Thursday, November 4, to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Eddleman. We wish to congratulate these proud parents.

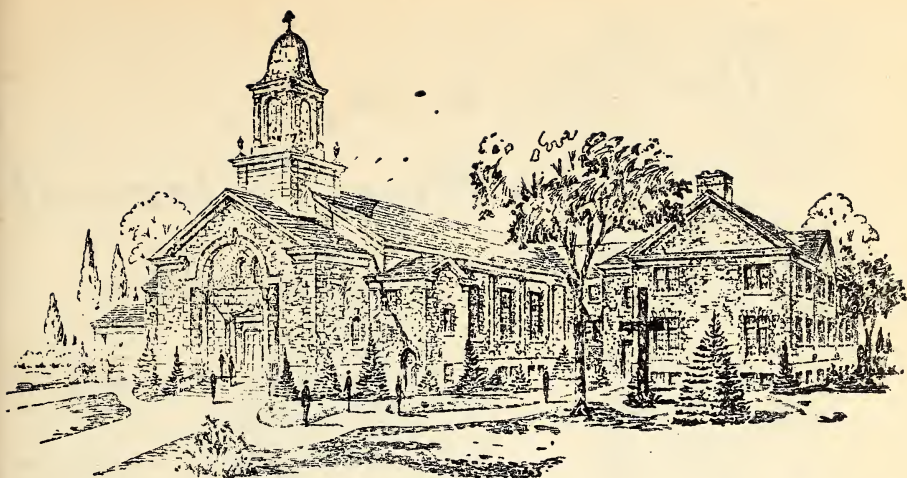
AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Rowena Hostman is a patient at Parkview Hospital. Mrs. Hostman is the daughter of Mrs. Ida May England.

Robert P. Jones is a patient in Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Charles Pennington underwent surgery Tuesday at St. Joseph's Hospital.

R. L. Chenowith is in the Parkview Hospital.



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RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE

When I am Consecrated to Christ and His Church

I shall truly advance the cause of Christ
over the forbidding barriers of cruelty and hate.

I shall testify to the high value I place upon
Christ and the Church ministering to the
needs of suffering humanity

I shall encourage others to maintain a
service of mercy and compassion.

I shall express my love to God and man
in strengthening the bonds of Christian
fellowship around the world.

I shall regularly worship, and encourage others
regularly to worship in the House of God.

I shall worship God in my giving and
my service.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.

Offertory Selected

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Anthem: "Holy Art Thou" Handel
Miss Anita Fitch, Guest Director

Sermon: "What Are You Doing to Others?"

Preacher: Our Pastor



The Tithe - in the New Testament Church

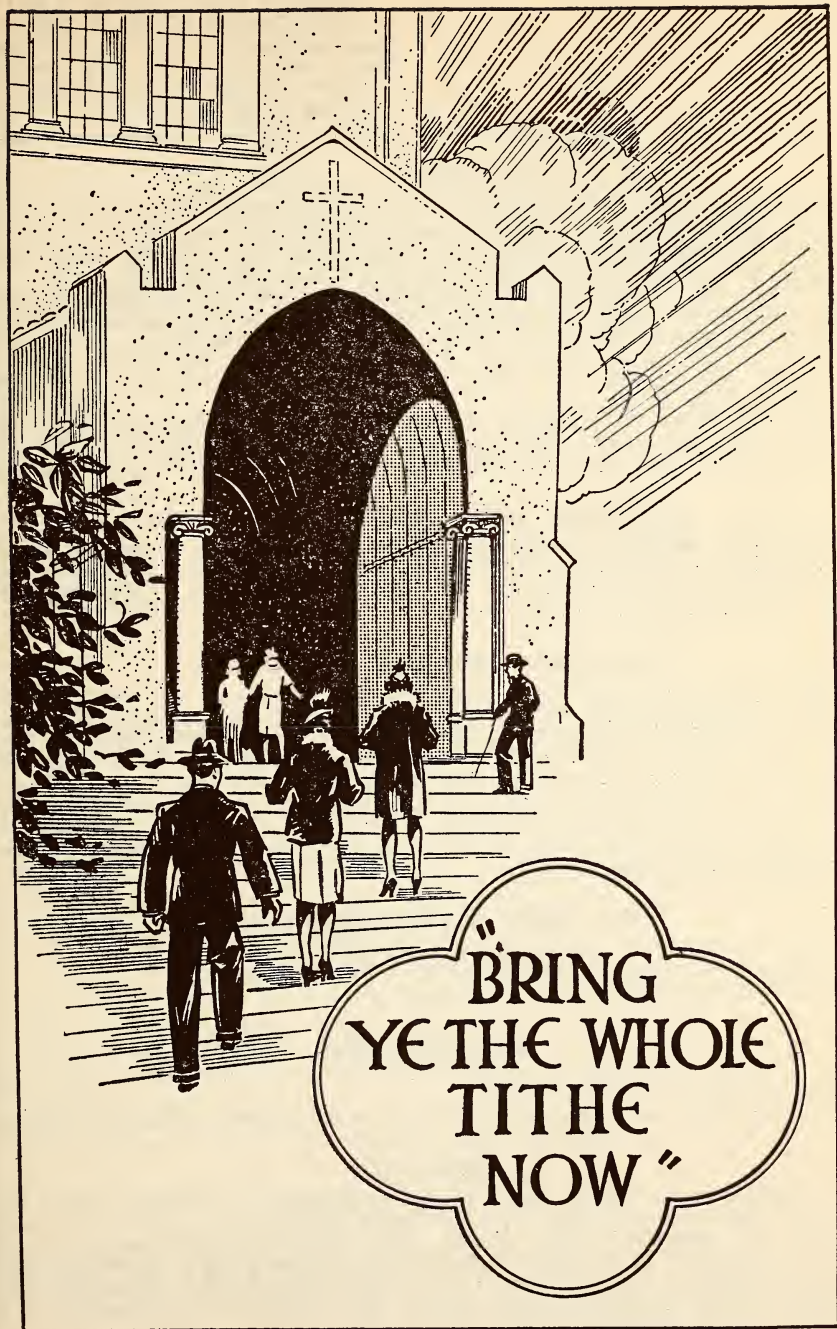
That the tithe was continued in the New Testament Church is quite clearly brought out in the letter to the Hebrews. The opening chapters were written to show to the Hebrew people the exceeding greatness of Jesus. He is shown to be greater than the angels, greater than their mighty leader and hero Moses, and finally greater than their priest-king Melchizedek. The climax of the argument is reached in the seventh chapter where He is shown to be superior to Melchizedek because He, as well as the priests, is receiving the tithes. The tithes were given, he argues, by Abraham to Melchizedek; they were taken by the Levites from the people. Here tithes are given to mortal men; but at the throne of glory, Christ, who ever lives, receives them. While this was written primarily to prove the greatness of Christ, by undesigned coincidence it states an historical fact. When the Book of Hebrews was written, the tithe was being paid in the Christian Church for the work of the kingdom of our blessed Lord.

"Now consider how great this man [Melchizedek] was, unto whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth out of the chief spoils. And they indeed of the sons of Levi that receive the priest's office have commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law. . . . And here men that die receive tithes; but there one (*Christ—receives tithes*) of whom it is witnessed that he liveth" (Hebrews 7:4, 5, 8).

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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Next Sunday is Thanksgiving Sunday in the Church School. Special offerings for World Work and Missions are being taken in the classes.

The High School Choir will meet at 5 o'clock next Sunday evening for rehearsal. Mrs. John Baughman, director. Lunch will be served at 5:30 P.M.

The Junior Choir meets Wednesday afternoon at 4 P.M. Mrs. Jack Kelly, director. The High School and Junior High Classes will resume their regular worship at 9:15 A.M. in the Chapel this Sunday preceding their class sessions.

C. Y. F.

Lunch will be served at 5:30 P.M. followed by worship, program and recreation. The program will include a skit entitled, "All Twenty-four". Barbara Griffith will have charge of the program. Martha Beck will have charge of the worship period.

SANCTUARY CHOIR — WEDNESDAY, AT 7:30 P.M.

Anyone who likes to sing is cordially invited to meet with the Sanctuary choir on WEDNESDAY evening this week for rehearsal. So that our Christmas music may be of exceptional quality we need more members in the choir. If you sing, come and help us during this holiday season.

A SALUTE TO OUR PERSONAL WORKERS

Those of our new members who made two calls a week for ten weeks are: Mr. Wm. Caldwell, Mr. Ralph Bogan, Mr. Lowell Alkire, Mr. Byron Overby, Mr. Ernest Kattas, Mr. James E. Young, Mr. Gordon Welker, Mr. Leon Johns, Mr. Henry Vernard, Mr. Walter Marks, Mr. Blaine Jones, Mr. Harley Meadows, Mr. Jim N. Griffin, Mr. Wm. Lear, Mr. Maro Bolinger, Mr. Kenneth Edwards. From these calls we have around 125 live prospects for membership. Our Evangelism Visitation Committee will make these calls during the week of November 29 - thru December 3rd. We are gratified at the fine work on the part of our personal workers and the response from those called upon.

NEW BABIES IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A little daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Thomas last week.

A son, born November 15 to Mr. and Mrs. L. Dale Smith.

We wish to congratulate these fine parents.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. James C. Bartholomew has returned home after undergoing surgery last week at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Flora Virts underwent surgery for cataracts this week in St. Joseph's Hospital.

PARKING LOT

The Parking lot is coming along toward completion. An additional \$30.00 has been added to the fund. We appreciate these offerings. Others will want to give toward this important project. Among those who have contributed are: D. E. Coffman, Robert T. Beck, Glenn R. Miller, Wm. E. Tracey, Dr. A. C. Worley, Clay Orchard, Gail Roe, J. Hugh Tracey, Maro Bolinger, Howard Wise, Albert Egly, Wm. Crouse, Clayton Yoquelet, Edward Ashton, Wm. Caldwell, C. E. Fuchshuber, J. Z. Berlien, and Men's Class.

CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION

Certificates are being mailed this week. If you have not as yet received yours, it will be delivered to you within a few days.



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RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE

THE BESTS OF A MAN

What are the "Bests" of a man. The **Best years**, between 17 and 26; The **Best Hours** of a normal day between sun-up and sundown; the **Best Strength**, the vigor between youth and old age; The **Best Efforts** of the brain in the choicest hours of the day, those following sleep.

Most of the **Bests** are in the pay check he receives. Now unless God has a share there, he has no real place in all the **Bests** of a man. "Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thy strength." Our wages, income salary is accumulated strength. It is personality stored up. Unless God is first in the pay check, how can He be first in the life.

We are having wonderful attendance at Morning Worship and Church School. Let us keep up our attendance. **Come to church Sunday.**

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory: "The Church By the Road", Quartet

Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mr. J. Fred Smell,
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cocherille

Anthem: "Bow Down Thine Ear, O Lord"—Morgan
Miss Anita Fitch, Director

Sermon: "Where Our Help Is Sure"

Preacher: Our Pastor



Rev. Domingo Rodriguez at La Hermosa Church in a Puerto Rican section of New York City.

Church Groups Study "The City" As Field For Missionary Work

For six months this year, July through December, the missionary emphasis throughout the Disciples of Christ brotherhood is on "The City." One of the largest home mission fields in this country and in Canada is the city area where there are so many and such varied peoples. As more and more people move into urban districts, how can the church more adequately meet the added responsibility and need? This question is being studied on both the adult and youth level through program literature which is prepared for these months of missionary emphasis on "The City."

On the adult level the program packet is entitled "Remember Now the

People." It emphasizes the needs of the minority groups and the "inner city" groups, where low wages, poor housing and high crime rates exist. The programs point out the job that Christians through the church must do among such groups and among all city dwellers.

Disciple Churches at World Council Meeting

When the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches met in Evanston, Illinois, August 15-31, the Disciples of Christ were well represented. Twelve Disciple delegates attended, 17 accredited visitors, three consultants and one staff member. There were also many pastors and laymen who went to participate in the various sessions relating to the Assembly.

Students Representing Eight Countries Attend Seminary in Argentina

During 1953, 64 students from eight countries were enrolled at the Union Evangelical Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The school is an interdenominational institution with four churches officially cooperating in its support: Waldensian, Presbyterian, Methodist and Disciples of Christ.

The Disciple representatives on the faculty are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Liggett, missionaries to the Argentine serving under The United Christian Missionary Society. Mr. Liggett is the professor of church history and director of the boarding department. Virginia Liggett teaches in the department of Christian education.

The countries represented by students last year were Argentina, Chile, France, Paraguay, Bolivia, Peru, Spain and Uruguay. There were five Disciple young people studying at the Seminary, one from Paraguay and four from Argentina.

Sunday School Workers Plan Meeting for 1955

"Home and Church—Teach Christ Now" is the theme planned for the International Sunday School Convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 27-31, 1955. The 23rd quadrennial meeting of Sunday School workers is sponsored by the Division of Christian Education of National Council of Churches and the Canadian Council of Churches. The convention, planned primarily for lay leaders, is to acquaint church school workers, youth sponsors and other leaders in Christian education with the best resources for their task.

The quota for the Disciples of Christ is 588, and the goal for the entire convention is 10,000 delegates.

Miss Iris Ferren Heads Leadership Institutes

A 16-month training program for church leaders of intermediates was started September 1, 1954. Miss Iris Ferren of Sheridan, Wyo., was named to head the program which is sponsored jointly by the religious education department of The United Christian Missionary Society and the Christian Board of Publication.

Miss Ferren will arrange for a series of 300 Chi Rho Fellowship Institutes to be conducted in 40 states and areas in the United States and Canada. Working through the department of religious education in the United Society offices in Indianapolis, Ind., Miss Ferren will also coach teams of institute leaders and promote attendance.



Iris Ferren

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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Thanksgiving Offerings Held Over This Sunday

The Church School Christmas Program and Party will be held on Friday, December 17, at 8 o'clock. **Please check this date on your calendar.** The Pageant is a project for the whole Church School. The Choirs and children will be a part of this program.

The High School Choir will rehearse at 5 P.M. this Sunday.

C.Y.F. — 5:30 P.M.

C.Y.F. will meet Sunday evening for Program, Worship and Recreation.

CHI RHO — 6:00 P.M.

Chi Rho will meet at 6 P.M. Sunday for a Thanksgiving party. The boys are asked to bring weiners and buns. Mrs. Jefferson Young is the sponsor.

CHURCH SCHOOL BIBLES

The Bibles purchased for the Church School are here and ready to be used. There is some money outstanding for these Bibles. If you have not sent in your money, you may do so at this time.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. David Hogg, 2125 North Anthony on Wednesday, December 1st, at 1:30. Mrs. W. H. Imbody will assist the hostess. Mrs. Hogg will give devotions. Program, Mrs. E. L. Harris and Mrs. E. G. Rose will tell the Christmas story. Members are requested to bring their gifts for the Cleveland Home.

The Nelson Circle will meet with Mrs. Landis R. Mote, Winchester Rd. on Wednesday evening, December 1st, at 8 o'clock.

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, 3521 Robinwood Dr. on Thursday afternoon, December 2. Mrs. Fred Wilson will give devotions, Mrs. Cecil Rice will present the program.

LOOK MAGAZINE

"Look" for November 30 has a six page article on The Disciples of Christ.

GOLD MEDAL COUPONS

The deadline to turn in Gold Medal Coupons is December 26th. This offer closes on December 31.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 So. Webster St. Friday evening, December 3. Mrs. Egly will give the devotions. There will be a 50c gift exchange.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mrs. Maxwell Smith, Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Mrs. Robert Rayl have been ill at their homes.

BASKETBALL

Our Junior High and Senior High School youth are entered into these two Church Leagues in the Associated Churches. T. D. Eddleman, a deacon in our church, is the coach for these fellows. The Senior High School Team will play this Saturday at the St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church Gym. Any fellow interested should get in touch with "Dike" Eddleman.

PARKING LOT

Additional gifts have brought the parking lot total to \$108.00. Two hundred dollars is necessary to get our lot in shape for parking.

SIGN POSTS

Note the direction sign on Rudisill and Calhoun (southwest corner). Do you like it? We need 5 more to be placed on Rudisill-Decatur Road and Fairfield Ave. Dr. Russell Goegel is in charge of this program. He and Hugh Tracey have been placing them without cost. The signs and material cost \$18.00 per sign. If you or a group in the church wish to contribute one see Dr. Goebel or call the church.

EVANGELISM VISITATION

Evangelism Visitation will be the week of November 29 thru December 3. Supper will be served at 6:00 P.M. We have the names of many good prospects.



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KEEP CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR

Last night John Elzy, watchman at The Grand Eagle Department Store, while making his rounds of the bargain basement, found the body of a man lying under a counter. He was thin to the point of emaciation, apparently in his middle thirties and was shabbily dressed. His pockets were empty and there were no marks of identification upon his person. Store officials believe that he was trampled in the Christmas rush and crawled under the counter for shelter. But they are unable to account for what appeared to be **NAIL WOUNDS IN HIS HANDS**. The police are investigating.

—Saturday Review of Literature.

SUNDAY IS WOMAN'S DAY — DR. C. M. YOCUM, GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Yocum is a distinguished religious leader in World Christianity. He has headed up the Foreign Work of the Disciples of Christ and has been around the world many times. Few men know the world work of the church as does Dr. Yocum. Our congregation is privileged to have him as our guest speaker. His wife, for many years, headed up the Book Department of the United Christian Missionary Society and will accompany him on his visit to our Church.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.

Offertory: "Saviour Like A Shepherd"

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

—Meredith, High School Choir
 Mrs. John Baughman, Director
 Anthem: "Praise" Rowley

Sermon—Dr. C. M. Yocum, Guest Speaker

Miss Anita Fitch, Director

Ushers: Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mrs. Howard Wise.



The World Council of Churches new presidium: l. to r., Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Metropolitan Mar Thoma Juhanon, Archbishop Michael, Bishop Otto Dibelius, Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri, The Very Rev. John Baillie and honorary president Dr. George K. A. Bell.

Missions Building Adds New Wing for Offices

A four-story addition to Missions Building in Indianapolis was completed this summer and gives 13,000 additional square feet of office space to brotherhood agencies located here. Extending east from the main building, the wing now joins it with the UCMS sales literature department, housed in the former Butler University library.

Missions Building is the "home" of nine Disciples agencies, and it is important to note the economic value it renders the brotherhood.

"If comparable office space were being rented in Indianapolis," United Christian Missionary Society president A. Dale Fiers points out, "the total cost to the brotherhood at current Indianapolis rates would be more than \$175,000 per year." On the other hand, Missions Building represents a "permanent brotherhood asset" and releases money

every year for program instead of for office rent.

The new construction increases the total floor space of Missions Building to more than 70,000 square feet.

Kirby Page Honored by Peace Fellowship

Dr. Kirby Page, noted Disciples advocate and philosopher of peace, was honored by a testimonial dinner on Tuesday evening, Oct. 26, at Miami, Florida. The dinner was given by the Disciples Peace Fellowship and arranged by Barton Hunter, new head of the UCMS social welfare department.

The dinner speaker was Dr. James A. Crain, lifelong friend of Dr. Page and director of the Christian church board for Houston and Harris County, Texas.

The dinner was held in connection with DPF sessions at the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ.

All Peoples Church and Center Hires Counselor

A family counselor, Miss Mary Gillett, has been added to the staff of All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center in Los Angeles. She began her work on September 16, and for the past two years had served the First Christian Church, Rantoul, Illinois, giving most of her time working with personnel at the nearby Air Force base.

Miss Gillett's former work was supervised by the Commission on Military and Veteran's Services of the Disciples of Christ. At All Peoples, she will devote part-time to counseling while studying at the University of California, Los Angeles, toward a master's degree.

Established from the former Japanese Christian Institute, All Peoples Church and Community Center began serving an interracially integrated neighborhood following World War II. In addition to increasing service to families in the area, All Peoples is developing capable lay leadership and making changes and improvements to its property. Rev. Dan Genung is minister-director.

All Peoples is a hub of neighborhood life.



Disciples Year of Stewardship Is Local Church Emphasis

Local congregations of Christian churches are concentrating on the theme of Christian stewardship this year. Correlating the emphasis nationwide and counseling local churches, Roy L. Thorp, director of stewardship for Unified Promotion of the Disciples of Christ, is impressed with the possibilities.



This stewardship year, Dr. Thorp contends, will be significant as it comes to grip with the basic issues of life. Preachers will be speaking on the subject from their pulpits many times during the year, and countless numbers of churches intend to hold stewardship schools, teach the subject in church schools, show "The Beginning" motion picture and call upon special speakers.

Stewardship is a true philosophy and essential to Christian living, Dr. Thorp explains to everyone of the Disciples brotherhood, and the practice of stewardship is a Christian privilege.

While stewardship inescapably includes use of money, it considers use of time, talent and other possessions as equally important.

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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Rehearsal for Church School Christmas Program will be held Sunday afternoon, December 5 from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M., at the Church. All Children from all Classes are urged to be present. Mrs. L. A. Horn is director of the Pageant. The Chi Rho and C.Y.F. groups are assisting with lights, scenery and property.

C.Y.F. — 5:30 -- 7:30

Lunch will be served followed by Worship period and program and folk games. Program subject is: "We Live in Deeds, Not Years".

High School Basketball League will play Tuesday, December 7 at 8 P.M. at the St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church against Christ Methodist. All High School boys of the Church are eligible. Basketball practice Monday, December 6 at 7 P.M. in Church gym. Public is invited. Encourage our boys.

CHI RHO — 6:00 P.M.

The Chi Rho will meet at the home of Mrs. L. A. Horn, 2614 Timbers Drive at 6 P.M. Sunday evening. We will work on the construction of the manger. Bring sandwiches.

NEW BABY IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne H. Orchard at Lutheran Hospital, November 30th.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

December 5 Floyd E. Morrical and James R. Shockney

December 12 Glenn R. Miller and Henry M. Flowers

December 19 Cecil Rice and Eural G. Rose

December 26 Albert Egly and John E. Merrill

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Captain Harold K. Pritchard, A-36712, J. Hugh Tracey, Robert E. Working, Clarence Hendrickson, Ralph J. Richard, Kenneth V. Lytle, Dr. R. W. Goebel, A. Howard Wise, Meldren S. Kreps, Everett W. Evans, John C. Cole, T. D. Eddleman, Charles W. Staley. If unable to serve please call your Captain.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet on Tuesday evening, December 7 at 7:45 P.M.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. H. M. Flowers, 334 W. Fleming, Tuesday, December 7th at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. David Hogg will give a book review. Mrs. Woodhull will give devotions. The members are asked to bring gifts for the Cleveland Home.

Mr. McGavran Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 7, at the home of Mrs. C. F. Durfee, 1018 College St., at 1:30 P.M. Please bring gifts for the Cleveland Home.

CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN HOME

The gifts for the Cleveland Home should be brought to the General meeting for the dedication program. Such gifts as shoe laces, tooth brushes, tooth paste, toilet soap, towels, wash cloths, toilet water, bath powder, boys and girls knitted caps and gloves and other gifts. Please bring your gifts Christmas wrapped. Cash donations will be received.

FRIENDLY CLASS CARRY-IN DINNER — SUNDAY, DEC. 5th, 12:30

The Friendly Class, Mrs. C. D. Palmer, teacher, is sponsoring a carry-in dinner next Sunday following the Morning worship service. This is of an informal nature to honor a few students from Indiana Technical College, here from other countries, and also our guest speaker, Dr. C. M. Yokum of Indianapolis. Any wishing to be present are welcome, but please call Mrs. Sigrist, H-78483.

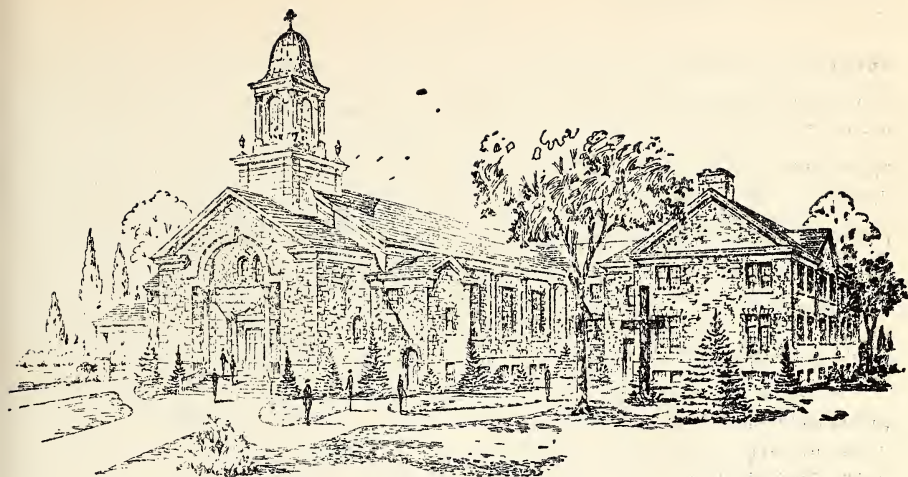
You need not bring table service but each family is to bring an extra dish for our guests. The Class will furnish rolls, butter and coffee.

CHRIST CHILD FESTIVAL — DEC. 2, 3, 5, 1954

Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse and Mrs. Kenneth Kern will serve as hostesses, representing our Church at the Coliseum on Saturday afternoon from 2:45 to 4 P.M. The Christian Women's Fellowship Circles are furnishing cookies.

MORE CONTRIBUTORS TO PARKING LOT

H. W. Sigrist \$100, Benj. Taylor \$10, J. E. Tracey \$10, Paul Truby \$5, Mrs. I. B. Marquart \$5, H. L. Jackson \$5.



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RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE

KEEP CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR

The keeping of the Saviour's Birth prompts one to make thoughtful consideration of one's own approximation of the life and character of Jesus. In what measure is Christ being reflected in our lives? Is the Christ finding a demonstrating expression in our home, in Church work, and in our business contacts? Are we proving in some measure that the Kingdom of Heaven is, as Jesus declared, within us; in other words, that inner harmony of Christ's spirit is ours? Are we learning through consecrated study and prayer to claim that inner consciousness of Christ's way into which nothing can enter that "worketh or maketh a lie?"

Come to Church Sunday — Enjoy the Christmas Carols
that are sung in each Service during December.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.

Offertory: Selected

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Quartet: Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mr. J. F. Smell,
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cocherille

Anthem: "I Wonder As I Wander"

Solo: Mr. Robert Cocherille
Director: Miss Anita Fitch

Sermon: By No Human Means

Preacher: Our Pastor

Make Dec. 15th A Day of Safety for Fort Wayne

Church Relief Aid Puts Korean Farms Back on Feet Since War

Two hundred packages of honey bee colonies have been flown from America by Heifer Project, Inc., an interdenominational and interfaith program, to help rehabilitate overseas agriculture. Making a tenth anniversary report of statistical achievements, director Thurl Metzger of North Manchester, Indiana, indicates that Heifer Project livestock has played an important role in replenishing Korean livestock.

In ten years, Heifer Project, in which Christian churches and the social welfare department of The United Christian Missionary Society participate, has shipped farm animals into 29 countries.

Shipments include 7,000 cattle, 6,202 dairy goats, 45 horses and 902 pigs. Also 230,000 chicks, 216,000 hatching eggs, 500 rabbits and the bees.

It is estimated by officials of church-supported relief in Korea that two-thirds of the nation's poultry now are products of HPI chicks and eggs.



One of many, an American GI in Korea gives off-duty time to church relief work groups.



"My burro won't hold us both, so you ride," the little Good Samaritan might be saying as two boys in the Pabellon, Mexico, church school learn by playing "Let's pretend."

Interdenominational Institutes in Mexico

In its first two years, the new Christian education department of the Evangelical Council of Mexico has held six leadership institutes for training local church leaders for six nationwide Protestant bodies.

For the first time in the history of Protestantism in Mexico, an audio-visual workshop was held summer before last and drew 112 church leaders from throughout the country. At the request of the department, several Americans taught in the short-courses.

A "Pictures for Children Everywhere" project was launched with the sending of 500 sets of Biblical scenes and other illustrations to church schools.

The Disciples of Christ are staunch supporters of the Evangelical Council, and Sr. Ariel Zambrano is secretary of the Christian education department with offices in Mexico City.

Mount Beulah Center Takes Over S.C.I. Work

Now under the name of Mt. Beulah Christian Center, the facilities of the former Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, Mississippi, continue its work in community service. SCI merged with Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi, and opened this fall at the latter's campus as Tougaloo Southern Christian College. The center still circulates the popular bookmobile traveling library taken over from the SCI extension program.

Located in an area where per capita income is only about half of the national average, Mt. Beulah center maintains a 1,265-acre farm which besides helping to finance its program is a demonstration center. Inheriting the herd of cattle, swine and other livestock from SCI, the center cultivates crops of oats, cotton and lespedeza. Four hundred acres are in timber which is cut according to a system established in cooperation with the state forestry department.

Mt. Beulah is the site of the oldest Disciples of Christ mission work in the United States which was the former Southern Christian Institute, founded in 1875. It is in an area which has one of the highest illiteracy ratios in the nation, and with the low economic level of the area, it seems apparent that Mt. Beulah cannot work itself out of a job for years to come.

To the plight of the people has been added a drought the past few years. To alleviate personal discomforts as much as possible, a "Nex-T-New" store, reselling used clothing at minimum cost, has been set up.

Mt. Beulah Christian Center has 11 principal buildings, and generally is continuing the community services of SCI which included an audio-visual loan service, home and family care education, a health clinic, a local church, and community activities. At present, a study of local needs is being completed in anticipation of future program developments. The center is a home mission institution of the Disciples under The United Christian Missionary Society.

Spraying the cattle against disease at Mt. Beulah Center helps sustain a good herd and serves as a model demonstration of improved livestock care and farm development.



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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Christmas Pageant and Program, December 17. Dress rehearsal will be held Sunday afternoon, December 12 from 3:00 to 4:30 P.M. at the Church. Mrs. Dale Hiler, chairman, and Church School teachers are in charge of Costumes. All the children are urged to be present. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Horn directing pageant and assisted by young people making the scenery.

C.Y.F. — 5:30

High School Choir will rehearse at 5 P.M. Mrs. John Baughman, director.

Lunch will be served at 5:30 following with Worship, program, and recreation. Program subject: "What Is It Worth?" Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morrical, sponsors.

High School Basketball Team won from First Methodist, 40 to 39, Tuesday, Nov. 30. Basketball practice in the Church gym December 13 at 7:00 P.M.

The C.Y.F. Christmas Party will be held Dec. 19 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Munro, 4406 Lillie St. from 5:30 to 8 P.M. There will be caroling to Shut-ins at 4 o'clock December 19 by the C.Y.F. Group.

Chi Rho will meet at 6 o'clock Sunday evening. Bring sandwiches. Plans are to be made for Christmas Party on December 19.

MEN'S FORUM 5 to 7 P.M. — DINNER MEETING

Mr. Otto Gumpfer has been secured as speaker for the Forum Sunday evening. Mr. Gumpfer is a University Professor and teacher of a Men's Bible Class. He is a member of the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Mr. John Broom, musical director at Harrison Hill School, will entertain with Flute selections. Food Com. Olso Fox, Ben Taylor, John Baughman, Lester Beck.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Montgomery Circle will meet Tuesday evening, Dec. 14 with Mrs. Chester Follis, 1421 Cherokee Rd. Mrs. Jerry Brubaker is co-hostess.

The Higdon Circle will meet Monday evening, Dec. 13, at 7:45 with Mrs. Paul Whitton, 3308 S. Clinton St. Devotions by Mrs. Alma Beck, Program: Mrs. M. S. Kreps. There will be a 50 cent gift exchange.

The Fellowship Guild will have a Christmas dinner meeting at the home of Miss Pearl Heidecker, 4001 Indiana Ave. at 6 o'clock Monday evening, Dec. 13. Mrs. A. C. Worley will be the guest speaker.

The Esther Group will meet at the home of Mrs. C. D. Palmer, 2625 N. Wells St. Monday evening, Dec. 13 for a carry-in supper at 6:30. There will be a Gift exchange.

COME-DOUBLE CLASS

Will hold their Christmas party on Dec. 11. This Class is furnishing the Christmas Tree for the Church School party on the 17th.

NOTES

The mother of Mrs. Phillip Uhl underwent surgery last week. Mrs. Uhl is with her mother at this time.

The father of Mrs. John Cole passed away last week.

Mrs. J. C. Koegel is ill at her home 1222 W. Jefferson St.

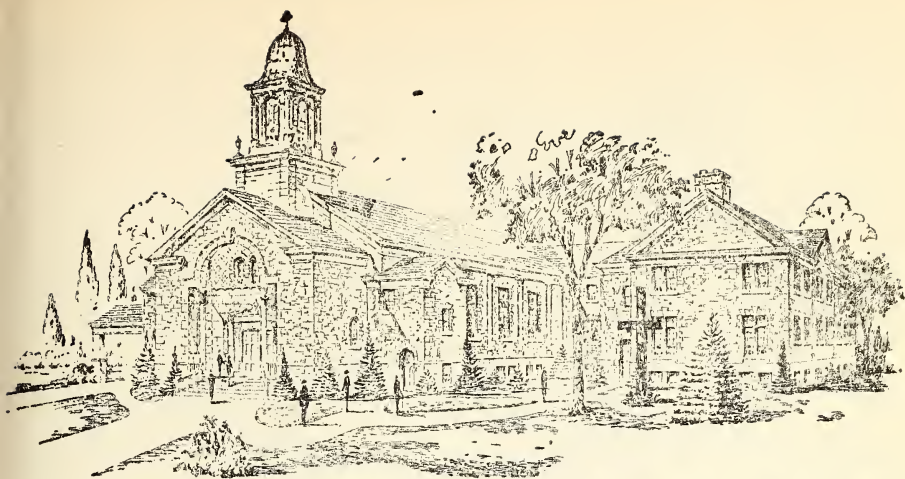
CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 1955

The Church Envelopes for 1955 current expenses will be in the Narthex next Sunday morning. Please check the name on the box before taking, as account number change each year. **If your box is not there please see Mrs. Vaught.**

MORE CONTRIBUTORS TO PARKING LOT

Mr. Forrest Finnell, friend of the Church, gave \$5.00.

Deacons, Deaconesses and Elders will meet after church service for election of officers.



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KEEP CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR

It took years for men to realize that the Birth of Christ was the fulfillment of the Promise of God. Why do we doubt God's power or God's love? By our actions we seem to say, "Lord, I don't believe your promises. I don't believe they really apply to me. God, you just don't know our town. They may have been alright but not now in Fort Wayne." When Jesus was here, He was astonished and amazed at people. He would say: "Why are you afraid?" "You trust God so little." "How is it you have no faith?" "You believe in God, why don't you trust Him?"

Paul agrees with our Master. "He that spare not His only begotten son, shall He not with Him freely give us all things."

Why should you, too, take so long to trust God's promises.

"Keep Christmas This Year."

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:23 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory: "Sleep My Little Jesus"

Geutch—Mary Crowder, Soloist.

Mrs. Jack Kelly, directing.

Anthem: "Sing Noel"

Sanctuary Choir. Mrs. John Baughman, Director.

Sermon: "Keep Christmas"

Preacher: Our Pastor

SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Parents to arrive 11:15 A.M. Meet in Church Parlor.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE — 7:30 P.M.

Sunday Evening Christmas Candlelight Service. Choir and Congregation will join in this beautiful service.



Junior Hi-Y is one of the many activities sponsored by All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center in Los Angeles. Here boys worship together at their Hi-Y meeting.

Mission Work Thrives In Interracial Area

From two members in 1942, when it was founded, All Peoples Christian Church in Los Angeles, now has 150 active members. The community center in connection with the church is helping build interracial fellowship through its service to the community.

One of the six institutional missions supported by The United Christian Missionary Society, All Peoples is in the heart of an interracial neighborhood. It was established early in World War II, when there were racial clashes especially in this area where Japanese-Americans had been evacuated and other groups had moved in.

All Peoples Community Center provides supervised recreation and organ-

ized group activity to meet the social needs of the neighborhood. There is a playground, gymnasium, social rooms and library and more than 500 persons of all ages participate in these activities. There is a nursery-kindergarten which cares for 45 children of pre-school age while their parents work.

Here where all peoples work and worship in Christian unity, there are educational opportunities too: field trips, music, English classes, art work, and crafts.

Housed in the former Japanese Christian Institute, All Peoples was begun by Mr. and Mrs. Dan B. Genung.

The major races represented in the church and community center today are Japanese and Negro, however, there are some Chinese and other Asians, Europeans and native American families.

New Nursery Lessons Ready for Church Use

A new series of lessons for the three-year old, his teachers and his parents may be obtained from the Christian Board of Publication. The series contains a 256-page guide book for the teacher, four illustrated story-books for the child, picture sets for class use and quarterly leaflets to inform parents of the child's church progress.

Eight German Students Visit Disciple Homes For One Year in U.S.

Eight German high school students are spending this year, 1954-55, in Disciple homes over the United States. They arrived in this country the last of July.

The students and their Disciple host families are Johann-Henrich Duenholter with Rev. and Mrs. Weymeth McGrew, Puyallup, Washington; Christl Gratze with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rucker, Mineola, Texas; Grisela Herrtel with Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Walters, Des Moines, Iowa; Waltraut Heidenreich with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. K. Evans, Austin, Minnesota; Ingrid Henke with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin B. Vice, Lexington, Kentucky; Renate Kahl with

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jensen, Lincoln, Nebraska; Holger Schmid with Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Houston, Jr., Eminence, Kentucky; and Friedrich Karl Schroder with Rev. and Mrs. Norman E. West, Mansfield, Pennsylvania.

These young people are here for the fifth consecutive year by arrangement with the social welfare department of The United Christian Missionary Society. Their stay in the U.S. is financed by the International Exchange Program. This may be the last year because of proposed cuts in the U.S. Government appropriations for the program.

National Evangelist Has Progressive Year

Mr. John W. Frye, the national evangelist for the Disciples of Christ, reports that 1953-54 was the "richest year in the experience of your national evangelist." In 19 visitation evangelism meetings from September, 1953, through June, 1954, Mr. Frye had over

700 additions. Working through the department of church development and evangelism of The United Christian Missionary Society, Mr. Frye visits churches over the country, counseling with pastors and members, holding revival meetings, visiting prospective members, helping establish and organize new churches and programs within the churches.



John W. Frye, Disciple national evangelist.

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CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 1955

The Church Envelopes are in the Narthex. Check box for your name. **If your box is not there please see Mrs. Vaught.**

The Honor Roll will be printed after Sunday, December 26, of those who have paid their pledge in full for 1954.

WELCOME! NEW MEMBERS

To the wonderful group of new members we speak a cordial welcome. The following have been received at the front of our Chancel: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Curtis, Janice Curtis, George Weatherford, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lehman, John Lehman, Marty Ann Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Harman, Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Plummer, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jackson, Mr. Norman Rau, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Menke, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick O. Mackel, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stigers, Marilyn Stigers, Daryl Stigers, Machel Stigers, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Q. Campbell.

CONTRIBUTORS TO PARKING LOT

Others contributing to the parking lot are: Mr. W. C. Birkhold, Mr. Paul Clendenen, Mr. E. R. Baker, Miss Carole Truby, Mr. H. W. Sigrist, Mr. Harold Jackson, Mr. Ben G. Taylor, Mr. J. E. Tracey.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 1955

Board of Trustees—B. W. Leversee, Herman W. Sigrist, Clay M. Orchard, Alexander M. Campbell, Sherman G. Myers.

Board of Elders—F. E. Morrical, Gail J. Roe, Dale Parkerson, Eural G. Rose, Albert Egly, Harold W. Crowder, Preston H. Somers, Glenn R. Miller, John E. Merrill, Cecil Rice, Grayston Cripe, C. E. Fuchshuber, Wilbur M. Whinery, E. R. Baker, David Griggs, B. W. Leversee.

Board of Deacons—Marvin L. Crouse, H. H. Stevenson, P. A. Rayburn, Bret R. Young, Delmas Young, Allen Garee, Robt. E. Working, C. Hendrickson, Ralph J. Richard, K. V. Lytle, Dr. R. W. Goebel, Wm. P. Vunora, M. F. Morkoetter, Herbert C. Banet, D. E. Coffman, C. L. Follis, Rolland R. Ripple, Wm. E. Tracey, J. J. McCarel, Paul E. Truby, Charles W. Staley, John C. Cole, Maro A. Bolinger, Everett W. Evans, Arthur Lyon, J. E. Tracey, T. D. Eddleman, Cecil Kinzie, J. F. Hechler, Howard J. Howell, E. T. Fusselman, Kenneth K. Kern, Leslie C. Green, Harley R. Meadows, Jim N. Griffin, Leon H. Johns, Wm. E. Olsen, Wm. Caldwell, A. Howard Wise.

Deaconesses—Mrs. Wm. R. Love, Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Mrs. C. L. Follis, Mrs. Paul Truby, Mrs. Kenneth Kern, Mrs. Arthur Lyon, Mrs. Glenn R. Miller, Mrs. J. F. Hechler, Mrs. Lowell Alkire.

Church Treasurer—Eural G. Rose.

Financial Secretary—Bret R. Young.

Assistants—Glenn R. Miller, Wm. H. Crouse, H. K. Pritchard, H. H. Stevenson, J. Hugh Tracey, Powell A. Rayburn.

Church Clerk—Mrs. Owen Vaught.

Superintendents of Church School—Grayston Cripe, William E. Olsen.

Treasurer, Church School—Eural G. Rose.

Chairman, Official Board—Glenn R. Miller.

Vice-Chairman—Powell A. Rayburn.

Chairman, Trustees—Sherman G. Myers.



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas is a glorious pledge of the Age to come. The Eternal Love that came down at Christmas speaks the tenderest ties we know. It says, convincingly to the heart, that He who made the stars cares for man; seeks him; shares his life, his sufferings, and longs to redeem him through the Son of His love. Christmas is the great secret revealed. Open though this secret may be to those about the manger, until men believe that the ground work of life and living, the very life principle of human society is Love and until they act as though this love were the common sense that alone can save mankind, the secret of Christmas will never be perfectly manifest. "Love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God."

In the spirit of Christ may your Christmas be a lovable and beautiful experience. May kindness and compassion reign during the Christmas-time and may you discover that the Lord Jesus has found room in your heart for Him.

There are wandering stars. Stars that lead astray, hopes that deceive, ideals that mock us. But the star that led to the cradle of Jesus reveals that God's best surpasses all that men have dreamed of it. May the Christmas star rest over you and yours giving joy and peace to your hearts.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Beck
and Martha Jeannette.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory: "He Shall Feed His Flock"
Handel—Mrs. J. E. Weicker and
Mrs. R. E. Cocherille

Anthem: "The Birthday of A King" Neidlinger Sanctuary Choir: Mrs. J. H. Baughma
Anthem: "The Birthday of A King" Sanctuary Choir:

Mrs. J. H. Baughman, Director
Preacher: Our Pastor

Sermon: "I Prayed But—"



Friendship Mission, opened in Asuncion, Paraguay, October 17, 1953, has a diverse program of cultural, religious and health improvement in this South American capital city.

Mission Social Work Is Evangelism Opportunity

The medical and dental clinic operated by Friendship Mission, a Disciples of Christ center in Asuncion, Paraguay, seem to be engaged in evangelism and education as well as physical treatment and care.



—RNS Photo

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, world-reknown Protestant missionary to Africa is honored on postage stamps being issued soon by Monaco.

Patients are perplexed by the absence of profit-making motives by the clinic, and at least some frankly ask about the support, function and religious idea that keep Friendship Mission open and serving the community.

Mrs. J. Raymond Mills, wife of the mission director, has written to The United Christian Missionary Society telling of a dental patient one day who was questioning her about these things. Taking and reading verses of scripture from a Bible for her explanations, she soon had a "mob" of other waiting patients around inquiring into Christianity.

Social welfare centers and work of missions, in addition to the services they render to local people, are effective media for propagating the Christian message.

While mission personnel generally have to make the first approaches to the people, Betty Mills commented, "They asked for it this morning," so "I let them have it!"

Government Ends Yakima Fishing Rights

Celilo Falls from which the Yakima Indians have fished salmon as a livelihood for generations, will soon be no more. Located in the Columbia River, the falls will be submerged by the back-water from a dam being constructed near The Dalles, Oregon.

The Yakima Indian Christian Mission reports that the salmon fishing has been the major source of income for the Yakima tribes, and the catch last year was over five tons. Even though next year is expected to be the last fishing season, already fishing has been affected as only one ton of fish was caught this year.

Being constructed on downstream from Celilo Falls, the federal government dam project ends a treaty made with the Indians in 1865 granting them an almost unlimited guarantee to fish at the falls.

For other income, the Indians pick berries in the foothills of Mount Adams in Washington state, but salmon fishing is their main work. In addition, salmon from Yakima have become popular treats of dinners for many Christian Churches across the nation.

With the government also freeing the Indians from reservation security, the future of the people is a matter of concern to the home missions staff of The United Christian Missionary Society.

Revised Bible Keeps on Setting Book Records

The Revised Standard Version of the Bible observed the second anniversary on September 30 of its publication. In this time it has sold nearly three million copies which is an all-time book sales record. Hailed by Christians, sales continue to soar.

Celilo Falls on the Columbia River have been economically important to the Yakima Indians.



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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

The Christmas Offering is left open through this Sunday C.Y.F. High School Boys and Girls will meet next Sunday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. Each member is requested to bring a sack lunch. The program will be in the form of a debate. The subject: "High School Is What You Make It." Followed by worship and recreation. 20 went carolling Sunday afternoon. The High School Basketball Team won from Westfield Presbyterian by seven points last Tuesday evening, December 14. They will play St. Luke's Team on Saturday, January 8 at 6:30 P.M. at St. John's E. and R. Church.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Grover Cahow is ill in the Lutheran Hospital. Billy Olsen, son of William Olsen, has a broken arm. Mrs. T. F. Owen ill at her home at 1220 Spy Run Avenue.

SECRET PLACE

Now available in the Narthex of our Church 10c per copy.

NEW OFFICERS

Mr. Charles Fuchshuber was elected Chairman of the Board of Elders for 1955. Mr. Maro Bolinger was elected chairman of the Board of Deacons.

FLOWERS

Those desiring to give flowers for particular Sundays next year, should make their reservations as early as possible.

ORCHIDS

To Mrs. Jack Kelly for directing our Junior Choir and to Miss Alice Richard who serves so faithfully as pianist at the practices. To Harold Beck for Christmas toys. Robert Rayl, Clayton Yoquelet and Edward E. Cook helped in setting and decorating the trees in Sanctuary and at the entrances of the Church.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND

A number of members of our Church have been donating their dividend checks from the certificates of indebtedness to the Building Fund of the Church. It should be noted that such donations may be deducted from your income tax.

Gratitude to Evangelism Teams who called are: Paul Clendenen, Arthur Lyon, Among those who called are: Paul Clendenen, Arthur Lyon, Eppie Baker, Scott Powers, David Griggs, Lowell Alkire, John Merrill, Jack Weicker, William Crouse, John McFarland, John Baughman, James Shockney, William Caldwell, Charles Fuchshuber, Clayton Yoquelet, Don Coffman, Jack Kelly, Glenn Miller, Leslie Green, Arthur Betz and our minister, Robert Beck.

Also we wish to express our sincere thanks to the ladies who served suppers for five nights during this week of visitation: Mrs. Paul Clendenen, Mrs. Eural Rose, Mrs. Pauline Eyer, Mrs. Kenneth Fairfield, Mrs. Wm. Tracey, Mrs. A. Howard Wise, Mrs. Alma Beck, Mrs. Clover Branstrator, Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mrs. Reba Fusselman, Mrs. Milo Miller, Mrs. Paul Truby, Mrs. Arza Smith, and Mrs. Dale Parkerson.

NEW BABY IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Carol Denise, born December 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clendenen, Linton, Indiana. We congratulate the parents.

BABIES IN SERVICE OF BLESSING

Thomas Dwight, son Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Eddleman; Susan Jean, daughter Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Pinney; Michael Paul, son Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Jones; Virginia and Elaine, daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock; Gregory Dean, son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith.

CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Due to the very fine work on the part of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Horn, the parents of the children and teachers in the church school, the Christmas program this year was outstanding.

CLOSING THE YEAR

What better way to close the last week of the year could be found than to close it in worship.

Our minister will bring a message that will give you a lift. The music, service and fellowship about the table of the Lord will give to those who worship, the poise, strength and courage needed for these days.

Come and worship together. Learn the meaning of victorious living.



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NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

For the Twentieth Century man the night has been dark, widespread and long— We have known its mad rush of meaningless activity, its strange somersaults that made yesterday's friends today's enemies. The long pent up feelings in man's little-understood subconscious were unshackled in a freedom of a planetary field day. There was a nightmare quality to our living in the past decades. What we need is not more talk—but deep thought. We need sanity more than passion.

Yet Faith does come. The torch of faith gives light in the night and the path that leads out beyond and through the underbrush of the complexities of our contemporary life is disclosed.

God and God's spiritual purposes and values cannot be destroyed. Though neglected they are available to men of goodwill. God still towers "o'er the wrecks of time". There is a victory over pride and hatred and evil that continues in Christian living.

We are children of God. We are trusted with responsibility. Responsibility to keep alive kindness, love, goodness, forgiveness, courage and faith.

The New Year lies before us. To each of us is the privilege to bring Christian answers and Christian life to each day. May this New Year be a special year in your life because you are committed to begin it with God. Let us rejoice in every day and be glad. Happy New Year!

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Talmage Beck,
and Martha.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M. Offertory: "The Prayer Perfect" Stenson
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

High School Choir,
Mrs. John Baughman, Director

Anthem: Selected.

Sermon: "Begin Again"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Begin the New Year Right — Be In Church Sunday!

Jamaica Mission Gains Against Voodoo

Founded in 1876, the Jamaica mission of the Disciples of Christ was the first foreign mission established by the brotherhood. Now with eight missionaries and 18 Jamaicans, the Christian movement on the island British Crown Colony continues to combat a pagan religion which is a mixture of Christian forms with superstitious ritual.



On the "road" to the Chesterfield Church

Commercial interests have exploited the natives mercilessly and suppressed cultural and educational development. Existence is meager and crude for the masses: Education is a basic need. Home conditions are inadequate and poor. Agricultural yield is minimum. Religion and culture oppose personal improvement.

With these needs in mind, the mission conducts a school. Women are taught improved homecraft, and farm-



The twin towers of Holmes Hall of Tougaloo Southern Christian College, Tougaloo Mississippi, are becoming familiar sights to students who formerly attended Southern Christian Institute. The college is a merger of colleges of Congregational Christian and Disciples of Christ churches.

ers are shown better methods. The guiding spirit, however, is Christian evangelism which is constantly at the forefront of all work of mission personnel.

The island has a population of 1,400,000, of which 50,000 are in the mission area, and 3,008 are baptized Christians in 30 organized Disciples of Christ churches.

New Recruitment Director

Dr. George Earle Owen has been appointed director of missionary selection and training for The United Christian Missionary Society. A former missionary to Argentina for eight years, Mr. Owen has been in the Philippines for three years and returns to America in January to succeed Dr. E. K. Higdon. He will supervise recruiting, training and testing of missionary applicants.

Albert Farmer to Head Church World Service Food Relief Branch

The Rev. Albert W. Farmer has been named national director of the Christian Rural Overseas Program—CROP. Mr. Farmer, a minister of the Disciples of Christ, succeeds John D. Metzler as head of this food collection arm of the Church World Service relief agency of the National Council of Churches.

Mr. Farmer has been affiliated with CROP for several years and its associate director since 1952. Mr. Metzler, whom he succeeds, headed CROP for eight years and is now going to Geneva, Switzerland, to be the American representative for Church World Service at the headquarters of the World Council of Churches.

The headquarters of the Christian Rural Overseas Program are located at Elkhart, Indiana, where they were moved from Chicago in 1952.

Youth Writes Hymns

New hymns written by young people to "express the current mind of youth" are being selected to be used for the first time in Youth Week observances January 30-February 6, 1955.

A joint project of the Hymn Society of America and the United Christian Youth Movement, a contest was held for new hymns written to tunes of standard hymnals. The best entries will be the basis for a new hymnal to be compiled by and for youth.

"Live and Help Live"

"Live and Help Live," a new 90-frame sound filmstrip, has just been released by The United Christian Missionary Society. Produced by the department of audio-visual services, C. A. Weesner director, the film is a plea for saner and more Christian attitudes toward persons of suppressed minority groups.

Mr. Farmer, left, and Mr. Metzler look over records of commodities processed through CROP.



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High School Basketball Team will play St. Luke's Team on Saturday, January 8 at 6:30 P.M. at St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

C.Y.F. — 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

Program, "High School Is What You Make It" in the form of a debate. Members are to bring a sack lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical will entertain the High School boys and girls at a New Year's Eve Watch Party at their home, R. 7, Wayne Trace Rd., Friday evening, December 31, from 10 o'clock to 12:30 A.M.

The High School Choir members are to be entertained at a party given by Mrs. John H. Baughman at her home, 1205 No. Anthony, Friday afternoon at 2:30. Choir rehearsal will follow.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Nelson Circle will meet with Mrs. Gail Hunt, 4840 So. Hanna St. on Wednesday, January 5th, at 8 P.M.

The Dr. Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. C. W. Winfield, 1001 E. Columbia St. on Wednesday, January 5th at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Maude Thurman is assistant hostess. Mrs. Clover Branstrator is in charge of program and the devotions by Mrs. Hugh Rice.

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Clay Orchard, 1136 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven on Thursday, January 6 at 1:30 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. Joseph Siples. Program by Mrs. Cecil Rice.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. Earl Fusselman, 1308 E. Wayne St. on Tuesday, January 4, at 1:30.

The Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. W. W. Bundy, 2605 So. Lafayette St. on Tuesday, January 4 at 1:30 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. Ray Woodhull.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Alma Beck, 533 E. Wayne St. Friday evening, January 7th at 8 P.M.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet on Tuesday evening, January 4 at 7:45 in the Church parlor.

NOTES

J. E. Weicker is ill at his home, 3024 South Hanna.

Death came to Mr. Lowell Arthur, brother of Mrs. E. L. Harrison. Mr. Arthur lived in Tucson, Arizona.

Mr. Francis E. Parker died suddenly of a heart attack December 26th.

THANKS

The Minister and his home are touched by the many expressions of kindness and love. Never have there been so many cards and thoughtful expressions of Good Will as have come during this Christmas season. They are deeply and prayerfully grateful.



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Win One to The Church By Easter

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Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory: "O Saviour Kind" Shure

Anthem: "Incline Thine Ear, O Lord"

—Arkhangelsky

Mrs. John H. Baughman, Director

Sermon: "What Kind of Christianity Is Yours?"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Be In Your Classes Each Sunday Morning
C.Y.F.

High School Choir will practice this Sunday evening at 5 o'clock.

C.Y.F. 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper — All youth welcomed.

CO-CHAIRMAN COUPLES ANNOUNCED FOR 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Kern, Chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Plummer, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Harman.

MEN'S FORUM

Sunday Evening, 5 to 7 P.M.

Ron Ross from station WOWO will present the program for the Men's Forum Sunday evening at 5 P.M. Dinner committee is planning a good meal.

Mr. Jack Kelly, president of the Men's Forum will preside over a brief business session and announce his committees.

The Men's Forum is composed of men who are members or friends of the First Christian Church. Every man of the church is cordially invited. The purpose of the organization is "to take an unapologetic stand for the Church and the Christian religion, and with the minister to work out plans, programs and projects for the betterment of the Church and Community."

Dates Set For 1955 World Missions Tour Sponsored by UCMS

Plans have been completed for the 1955 World Tour of Missions scheduled by The United Christian Missionary Society. Dates for the trip are February 20 to April 21, 1955.

Miss Katharine Schutze, national director of business women's activities in the department of Christian Women's Fellowship of the Society, is conducting the tour. Limited to 20 persons, with a minimum of 15 necessary to make the trip, the group will leave from San Francisco, Feb. 21, travelling by air.

There has been time planned for sightseeing, shopping and entertainment on this educational visit to lands in the South Pacific, Asia and Europe.

Tour members will see first-hand the

Malcolm Norment, director of Yakima Indian Christian Mission, White Swan, Wash., talks with contractor, W. W. Nettleship, about new Indian church due for completion this fall.



work being done in Disciples of Christ missions over the world. Places to be visited include: Hawaii, Japan, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Thailand, India, the Holy Lands, Italy, Switzerland, France and England.

In-country tours are on schedule to take in as many scenic and historic places as time permits.

Bethany Press Prints Collection of Verse By Samuel F. Pugh

"Between-Time Meditations," a book of verse by Samuel F. Pugh, has recently been published by the Bethany Press, St. Louis, Mo. The author is the national director of church development and ministerial services of The United Christian Missionary Society.

The selections, which were written over a period of years, are for devotion, inspiration and comfort. Some of the poems have been printed in church magazines and some in the collection are being published for the first time.

Yakima Indian Church Is Almost Completed

The new church at the Yakima Indian Christian Mission near White Swan, Wash., is nearing completion. This construction program is a project in the Capital for Kingdom drive being sponsored by The United Christian Missionary Society.

Christian churches in Washington, Idaho and Oregon took the mission church as a special project and contributions from these churches toward Capital for Kingdom Building were credited to the fund for the Indian church.



In a science class at Sei Gakuin Boys High School in Tokyo, students "learn by doing."

Work Continues After Fire Damages Part of Boys School in Japan

Early this year fire destroyed almost one-third of the Sei Gakuin Boys High School in Tokyo, Japan. In the institution, supported by The United Christian Missionary Society, two buildings housing the chapel and some class rooms were demolished.

Classes were continued in greatly crowded conditions, and plans are being made to replace the buildings as soon as possible.

The high school, which last year had 914 students enrolled and 32 full-time and 14 part-time instructors, has regular Christian activities as a part of the school curriculum. These include a daily chapel service, weekly YMCA meetings and compulsory Bible study every

week conducted by Japanese teachers. During the year 1953-54, there were five special evangelistic meetings for the school. Speakers at these services included E. Stanley Jones, Toyohiko Kagawa and Mr. Fuchida, the Japanese officer who led the air attack on Pearl Harbor and who has since become a Christian.

Seven Disciple missionaries in Japan give full or part-time service on the teaching staff at the school. They contribute 49 hours each week of English teaching. There are also Japanese faculty members.

About 16 Sei Gakuin graduates are enrolled in theological seminaries, and five from the Boys High School are studying at the International Christian University in Tokyo. This is the largest representation at the University from any single school.

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The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Albert Egly, 1927 No. Wells St. Monday evening, January 9 at 6:30 for a carry-in dinner followed by business.

The Montgomery Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 11 at 8 P.M. at the home of Mrs. John Craig, 4516 Smith St. Mrs. Wm. Love is co-hostess.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 Lexington Ct., Monday evening, January 10th at 7:45 P.M. Mrs. C. W. Manley will give the devotions. The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. Robert T. Beck, 308 So. Seminole Circle, Monday evening, January 10 at 8 P.M.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Floyd E. Morrical is ill at his home. The mother of Mrs. Morrical is ill in Parkview Hospital.

Mr. J. E. Weicker has been quite ill at his home, 3024 South Hanna St.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Walter Birkhold in the recent loss of her brother.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tracey who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on next Sunday with a dinner and reception.

Mr. J. Hugh Tracey and Miss Betty Bergman are to be united in marriage on Saturday, January 8th at 6:30 in the Church Sanctuary. Members and friends are cordially invited.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice E. Casey on the birth of a daughter. Welcome to "Jim" Crouse on his return home from Korea and Japan.

I DID NOT STAY FOR CHURCH

"I told my church that I did not need it." I received all the spiritual power I needed in my Sunday School. I had rather not associate with them in the worship hour, so I did not stay for church this morning.

"I told the children in the Sunday School that it was not necessary to stay for church in order to be the right kind of church member." I showed them by my example that all you needed to do was attend Sunday School.

"I told the stranger passing by the church door that we did not like our church worship program nor our pastor's preaching, so we are going home." We pushed the stranger backward so he could not enter in, we made such a surge toward the door. I do not care what the stranger thinks of the church, so I did not stay for church this morning.

"I told my unsaved friend that I was not interested in his finding Christ as his Savior." I know that unless he is saved in the church that he will probably not be saved at all. But I do not particularly care.

"I told God that I had enough of Him for today." I did not care to sing praises to His name. I did not care to have His Word read to me any more. I did not want to bow my head to Him and worship Him any longer, and so I did not stay for church this morning.

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12 WEEKS TO EASTER

"Committed Unto God"

"Committed Unto God" is the pre-Easter Evangelistic theme of our Brotherhood, as a part of the celebration and observance of the year of Stewardship. We can here interpret "stewardship" richly in a spiritual expression. This fits into the long range program of our great Brotherhood.

The Call in our Church is for 15% of our families to commit themselves to witness in His name and each family to win another family to Christ and His Church between now and Easter. Last year we exceeded the 10% increase and 147 people were received into our Church.

What shall you do:

1. At home discuss and pray about this commitment. Ask God's help and guidance.
2. Let each member of the family join in the commitment.
3. Silent prayer that you may be guided to the family or families you may be able to win.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:23 A.M.
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory: Selected
Mrs. Robert E. Cocherille, Soloist
Anthem: "Give Me This Day"—Peery
Miss Helen Flaig, Director
Preacher: Our Pastor

Sermon: "Marking Out the Good In Life"

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

The Religious Education Committee of the Church School for 1955 are as follows: Mr. Grayston M. Cripe, Mr. William Olsen, Mr. David Griggs, Mrs. Robert T. Beck, Mrs. Floyd E. Morrical, Mr. John E. Merrill, Mr. B. W. Leversee, and Mr. Cecil Rice.

C.Y.F.

The High School Choir will practice this Sunday evening at 5 o'clock.
The C.Y.F. will have a snack lunch at 5:45 P.M. followed by worship, program and games.



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Friendly greetings and warm handclaps of fellow-Christians in some of the 77 Disciples of Christ churches on the islands will not soon be forgotten by tour members. The fervor of Puerto Rican singing and gracious dignity of Jamaican worship were high experiences for the North American visitors, who represented churches in 14 states.

President Issues UCMS Statement of Progress

Issuing his annual executive statement in *Headlines of Achievement*, Dr. A. Dale Fiers, United Christian Missionary Society president, notes important gains made during the 1953-54 fiscal year. Baptisms (9,414) by mis-



Dr. Fiers

sion churches increased over the previous year, and notably in Mexico and India, important duties are being turned over to local leaders, now well trained.

With missionary education set up on a new basis, Dr. Fiers sees a trend in that local churches held 465 schools of missions. Five years ago only 182 were held. Among other developments, Dr. Fiers notes the formation of Tougaloo Southern Christian College and the International Christian Women's Fellowship. The United Society administered over four million dollars, the largest amount in its history, during the year.

In evaluation, Dr. Fiers writes that in contrast to general world affairs, the United Society shows a "continuing picture of significant progress."

Mt. Beulah Social Work

Mt. Beulah Christian Center, opened last summer at Edwards, Miss., is a center for improving conditions for rural families of three counties. The area was surveyed for needs for medical care, family guidance, care of dependent children, religious development and conference facilities, and services are being expanded as fast as feasible.

Where We Stood in China

Just prior to the rise of the People's Republic of China in 1949, one of every six persons listed in China's *Who's Who* was a Christian, and there were four million Chinese Christians. In 1948, before foreign missionaries began evacuating, there were 3,943 missionaries in China including 36 Disciples of Christ. Reconstruction after World War II was brief and difficult, and contact with many Christians had been lost forever. But baptisms increased rapidly, and when missionaries turned all work over to Chinese Christians in 1949, Disciples membership had resurged to over 3,000.

Information seeping through Hong Kong and reported by the *China Bulletin* indicates Christianity in China still "progresses." Lest Americans "write off" China, Dr. E. K. Higdon, writing during World War II in a pamphlet *China's 4,000,000 Christians*, wondered if Americans can understand the "eternal qualities" of the Chinese. In the Orient, high quality and long history mean almost the same thing and are highly revered: China took to Christianity 850 years before the discovery of America.

Wuhu Academy at Wuhu, China was still a Christian school when missionaries were there.



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Palat Farouk, student at Indiana Technical College and a citizen of Pakistan will be guest speaker at the general meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship next Monday afternoon, January 17 at 2 P.M. The program is in charge of the McGavron Circle. A worship period and short business session will follow the program. Refreshments will be served by the Gish Circle. The Dye Circle is in charge of hospitality. Beginning this month we study "India, Pakistan and Ceylon". You will enjoy hearing Mr. Farouk.

The Executive will meet in the Chapel at 1:15 P.M. next Monday afternoon.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Mallie Reidt is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.

HONOR ROLL

(The Honor Roll contains the names of those who paid up their 1954 pledges before December 31.)

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Alkire, Mrs. Ethel Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mrs. Alma Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Beck, Miss Patricia Beck, Miss Martha Jeannette Beck, Mrs. Grace Bell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Betz, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bolinger, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Bogan, Mrs. Clover Branstrator, Miss Karen Branstrator, Wm. Branstrator, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Mrs. Hilda Geyer Brown, Mrs. Ellen Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Buchanan, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter, Miss Ruth Burris, Mrs. Gilbert Busick, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Mr. Robert F. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clendenen, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coar, Mrs. Wm. Coblentz, Mrs. Wm. Conrad, Miss Emma Crabill, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Grayston Cripe, Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Beck (continued).

PASTOR'S COMMITTEE FOR 1955

Mr. Landis Mote, Chairman, Dr. Frederick O. Mackel, Mr. John J. Menke, Mr. Ernest H. Pond, Mr. Donald M. Pinney, Mr. Carl H. Thomas, Mr. Edw. E. Cook, Mr. Robert N. Hendricks, Mr. Buford Tharp, Mr. Verlin Warnock, Mr. Donald E. Wasson and Mr. Arnold A. Stigers.

SYMPATHY

Mr. C. J. Sharp, a faithful member in our church for a number of years, died in Florida and will be buried Friday at Charleston, Ind. The sympathy of the Church is extended to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Schreen and family and Mrs. Schreen's mother, Mrs. Sharp.

PRINCIPLES FOR LIVING

I shall adapt to life, immediately, completely and gracefully.

I shall exercise, rest, work and play—every day.

I shall avoid undue fatigue.

I will discount harmful emotional urges, avoid emotional orgies, keep away from emotionally undisciplined people.

The five useless sentiments are: self-pity, suspicion, envy, jealousy and revenge. The three dependable sentiments are: loyalty, courage and kindness.

I shall work at a worthwhile job.

I shall face facts, discount my likes and dislikes, and cultivate an objective point of view.

I shall make clear-cut decisions and abide by them. I shall ask for counsel, consider it without argument, but let NO ONE make up my mind for me.

I form good habits of living, acting, thinking, speaking and feeling.

I choose to see the good aspects and meanings of life. I do not deny that unfortunate facts exist and I do not overlook them, but having seen them I choose to look for the good aspects.

Knowing myself, I accept my liabilities and cultivate my assets.

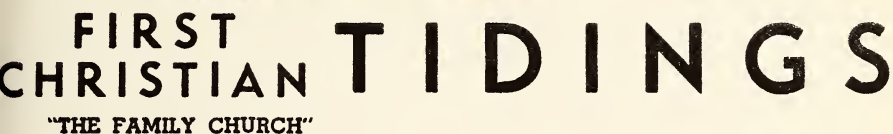
I expect trouble and have accepted inevitable difficulty, that I may be free to accept opportunity unhandicapped by the sense of the difficult.

Fear, anxiety and worry cannot hurt me. They threaten to destroy, but they possess no weapons other than the ones I give them. Even though afraid, anxious and worried, I shall say, "I'll get by," and continue with my normal activities, knowing that fear is the normal stimulus to courage. When the reality of courage walks with me, fear is only a shadow.

I believe that I am one of God's disciples; it is intended that my life have significance. God's hand is on my shoulder.

I am going to laugh MORE every day.

William B. Torhune



Number 15

In every neighborhood there are those who need a church home. There are many newcomers to our city. These should have a church home. Every home in our church should become alert to these needs and opportunities.

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Anthem: "O Come To My Heart, Lord Jesus" Junior Choir, Mrs. Jack Kelly, Dir.
—Ambrose
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Sermon: "Hard Tests" Preacher: Our Pastor

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Friendly greetings and warm hand-clasps of fellow-Christians in some of the 77 Disciples of Christ churches on the islands will not soon be forgotten by tour members. The fervor of Puerto Rican singing and gracious dignity of Jamaican worship were high experiences for the North American visitors, who represented churches in 14 states.

President Issues UCMS Statement of Progress

Issuing his annual executive statement in *Headlines of Achievement*, Dr. A. Dale Fiers, United Christian Missionary Society president, notes important gains made during the 1953-54 fiscal year. Baptisms (9,414) by mission churches increased over the previous year, and notably in Mexico and India, important duties are being turned over to local leaders, now well trained.



Dr. Fiers

With missionary education set up on a new basis, Dr. Fiers sees a trend in that local churches held 465 schools of missions. Five years ago only 182 were held. Among other developments, Dr. Fiers notes the formation of Tougaloo Southern Christian College and the International Christian Women's Fellowship. The United Society administered over four million dollars, the largest amount in its history, during the year.

In evaluation, Dr. Fiers writes that in contrast to general world affairs, the United Society shows a "continuing picture of significant progress."

Mt. Beulah Social Work

Mt. Beulah Christian Center, opened last summer at Edwards, Miss., is a center for improving conditions for rural families of three counties. The area was surveyed for needs for medical care, family guidance, care of dependent children, religious development and conference facilities, and services are being expanded as fast as feasible.

Where We Stood in China

Just prior to the rise of the People's Republic of China in 1949, one of every six persons listed in China's *Who's Who* was a Christian, and there were four million Chinese Christians. In 1948, before foreign missionaries began evacuating, there were 3,943 missionaries in China including 36 Disciples of Christ. Reconstruction after World War II was brief and difficult, and contact with many Christians had been lost forever. But baptisms increased rapidly, and when missionaries turned all work over to Chinese Christians in 1949, Disciples membership had resurged to over 3,000.

Information seeping through Hong Kong and reported by the *China Bulletin* indicates Christianity in China still "progresses." Lest Americans "write off" China, Dr. E. K. Higdon, writing during World War II in a pamphlet *China's 4,000,000 Christians*, wondered if Americans can understand the "eternal qualities" of the Chinese. In the Orient, high quality and long history mean almost the same thing and are highly revered; China took to Christianity 850 years before the discovery of America.

Wuhu Academy at Wuhu, China was still a Christian school when missionaries were there.



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NEW BABIES IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendricks.

A son, William Craig, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edw. E. Cook on January 14.
The mothers and their babies are doing well. We congratulate these families.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Ruth Braun is a patient in Parkview Hospital. Richard Sefton is a patient in Parkview. Mrs. Byron Qverby was in the hospital but is now convalescing at her home R.R. 10, Highland Drive. Mr. J. M. Miller is ill at home, 1517 Runnion Ave.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

(The Honor Roll contains the names of those who paid up their 1954 pledges before December 31, 1954)

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Banet, Mr. and Mrs. John Baughman, Miss Ruby Roxell, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bundy, Mrs. Glenn Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carpenter, Miss Carolyn Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donohue, Mrs. R. E. Douglas, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mrs. Kenneth Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly, Mrs. T. R. Eiler, Mrs. Ida Mae England, Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Flaugh, Jack Flaugh, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Follis, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber, Bonnie Fusselman, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Mrs. Mary Barnett, Mrs. Lillian Gagnon, Mrs. Mack Gaunt, Mrs. Laura Gildea, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Goebel, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Green, Mr. and Mrs. Jim N. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Griffith, David A. Griggs, Mrs. Irene Hamman, Stevens Hand, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris, Miss Mildred Hartman, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mrs. Anna Hirschy, Mrs. F. O. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Howell, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jefferies, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johns, Mr. and Mrs. R. Blaine Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kern, Mrs. Oscar Kiefer, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Kreps, Billy Kreps, (To be continued).



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PRE-EASTER

WE MUST BE FRIENDS TO BE HAPPY

Christian friendship must start first in the heart. Whole families can experience the finest kind of friendship when a family becomes, as a family, a friend to another family. And when a Church family wins another family into Church membership, we see a high type of Christian friendship.

Between now and Easter our goal is that 15% of our Church families will be committed to win another family to Christ and His Church in 1955.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory Solo: Selected
Mrs. L. A. Horn, Soloist

Anthem: "God Is A Spirit" Bennett
Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Sermon: "Putting Religion In One's World"

Preacher: Our Pastor

January promises to be the best month financially in our Church's history. Our members are giving regularly and generously to the operating and missionary work of our Church.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

C.Y.F. — 5:30 to 7:30

The High School Choir will practice Sunday evening at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Baughman, Director. The Junior Choir will practice on Wednesday afternoons at 4 P.M. Mrs. J. M. Kelly, Director. The High School young people will meet for a snack lunch following choir practice.

NOTES

Mrs. Robert T. Beck was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the local Y. W. C. A.

Last week our pastor, Mr. Beck, attended the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Christian Missionary Association. He also attended the Annual meeting of the Board of the Indiana Council of Churches.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Barbara Miller was united in marriage to Mr. Bud Gene Woods, Saturday, January 22. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milo F. Miller.

THE CO-CHAIRMEN COUPLES ARE ENTERTAINING NEW MEMBERS NEXT SUNDAY FOLLOWING SERVICES WITH A CARRY-IN DINNER.

South Africa Disciples Elect Rhodesia Premier

Prime Minister R. S. Garfield Todd of Southern Rhodesia was inducted as president of the All-Southern Africa Convention of the Disciples of Christ, meeting in Johannesburg, Sept. 19-26. He also will deliver a major address at the World Convention of Churches of Christ in Toronto, Ont., Canada, next August. Prior to his appointment as Rhodesian premier in 1953, the Disciples clergyman was superintendent of the brotherhood mission station in Rhodesia for 18 years.

Before coming to Africa in 1935, Mr. Todd was pastor at Wellington, New Zealand. Son of a New Zealand mill and mine owner, he decided at 18 to dedicate his life to missionary work. Whenever political duties as prime minister permit now, Mr. Todd returns to his mission station and continues his medical and dental service to Bantu tribes.

—News, in Brief—

The Disciples of Christ church at Brakpan, South Africa, just ended its 25th anniversary year. It grew from a two-month city-wide evangelistic mission in 1929.

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Correction: Christian Church membership in Puerto Rico is 5,998, not the much smaller total given in issue N-30.

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The church at Germiston, South Africa, also recently observed 25 years of service. It was organized in 1929 by the same mission team that served Brakpan.

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Mexican Americans in San Antonio, Texas, have organized another church through Disciples of Christ mission work.



Hon. R. S. Garfield Todd will deliver an address at the World Convention in August.

Tougaloo Prep School Is Part of New Home Mission

Associated with Tougaloo Southern Christian College is the little-known Tougaloo Preparatory School. Both institutions for Negro Americans are located at Tougaloo, Miss. The school is made up of grades 9, 10, 11 and 12, and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

This past year, 109 pupils were enrolled in the prep school, while in all, the school and college had 454 students. Campus facilities include dormitories and dining hall. Many prep school graduates enroll in the college which confers two degrees: Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science.

Policeman, Sponsored by Church Women, Studies JD

A Billings, Mont., policeman recently completed a 12-week study at the University of Southern California on juvenile delinquency control. He was supported on a scholarship granted by the Yellowstone County (Mont.) Council of Church Women and parent-teacher groups. The project is to help control crimes committed by maladjusted youth and to aid in rehabilitation of the delinquents.

Mission Pioneer Cited

Dr. Royal J. Dye, pioneer Disciples of Christ missionary to the Belgian Congo, has been awarded the Cross of Chevalier de L'Ordre Royale de Lion by the government of Belgium. In a brief impressive ceremony in the Belgian embassy in Washington, D. C., Baron Robert Silvercruys, Belgian ambassador to the U. S., read the citation honoring Dr. Dye for 40 years of "service to humanity."

Having gone to the Congo in 1899, Dr. Dye helped establish the first Disciples station there at Bolenge. He now lives in Hollywood, Calif.

Dr. Dye receives medal from Belgian envoy.
—RNS Photo



—RNS Photo

A new tool in building churches, a helicopter carries a 400-pound cross to the top of the spire of a new church at Avasta, Sweden.

Missions Study Groups Turn Attention to Southeast Asia

Missionary studies for the first six months of 1955 center on India, Pakistan and Ceylon. All three nations are young. All are in turbulent Southeast Asia. All three are growing fast in worldwide importance in politics, commerce and religious life.

The current study is part of a continuing church program to inform its people of the Christian mission into the secular and pagan world. In six-month studies, foreign missions alternate with home missions. Just ended is a study on "The City," termed America's greatest mission field. The United Christian Missionary Society prepares special literature on mission areas being studied.

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FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith have been appointed as Co-Chairmen for our Sanctuary Flowers. See them for places on our Flower Calendar.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, 926 W. Wildwood on Tuesday, February 1, at 1:30 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Program by Mrs. Paul Clendenen.

The Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 S. Webster St. Thursday, February 3, at 1:30 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. Cecil Rice, Program by Mrs. John Hoop.

The Nelson Circle will meet with Mrs. Max Smith, 1230 W. Washington on Wednesday, February 2 at 8 P.M.

The Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. John Baughman, 1205 N. Anthony, Wednesday, February 2. Program, Book Review, "Fly With Me to India" by Mrs. Robert Beck; Devotions by Mrs. W. J. Marks. The members will have a "white elephant sale".

The Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. H. M. Smelser, 2911 S. Lafayette, Tuesday, February 1st. Program by Mrs. Ripple. Devotions by Mrs. Woodhull.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Robert Scott, 1617 Edgewater Ave. Friday February 4 at 8 P.M. Mrs. Eva Mosier is assistant hostess.

BASKETBALL

Tuesday the 18th the Senior High School Team won the game from Crescent E.U.B. 43-33. Dave Wagner, who is now coaching the boys, was high point man with 21 points. Also through his effort the boys purchased new shirts with help from our Minister. COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE BOYS. NEXT GAME is at 8 P.M. FEBRUARY 1st. at the St. John's E. & R. Gym.

D. Gene Munro is the new coach for the Junior High Basketball Team. They practice each Saturday morning at 9:30 in the gym.

NEW BABIES IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A son, Gorden E. to Mr. and Mrs. Gorden E. Welker.

A daughter, Janet, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Garrett.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. David Vesey is a surgical patient at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. R. E. Douglas is a patient in Parkview hospital.

Mr. Roger Symms is ill in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Vera Shaw, 4526 S. Hanna, has been in the hospital but is now at her home.



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PRE-EASTER

Factories and skyscrapers of our cities swallow up thousands of people each morning and in the same fashion belch them forth each evening. The Lord's Day from the beginning of the history of our country was a sacred day for worship. Not because we are in need, but because the desire for profit, here and there, more and more, stores disregard this day and invite trade and business, ignoring the traditions of our great nation. The Church must not be lost in the canyons of commerce. We must keep saying Our Lord's Day is a Day of Prayer and must not be made a den for profiteers. No time and nowhere have families so needed the life and strength of the Church. Let at least 15% of our church families, each, invite another family to worship on Sunday.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Anthem: Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" Bach

Sanctuary Choir, Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Sermon: "The Evolution of A Christian"

Offertory Anthem:

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus" Ashford

High School Choir

Mrs. J. H. Baughman, Director

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

C.Y.F. — 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

High School Choir will practice at 5 o'clock. Mrs. John H. Baughman, director. The Junior Choir will practice on Wednesday afternoon at 4 P.M. Mrs. Jack Kelly, director.

NOTES

New Baby, James Allen, born January 28th to Mr. and Mrs. John Wilhelm. Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm attend the Progressive Class. Congratulations!

Junior Achievement invite us to their Exhibition.

Support the Heart Drive in our city.

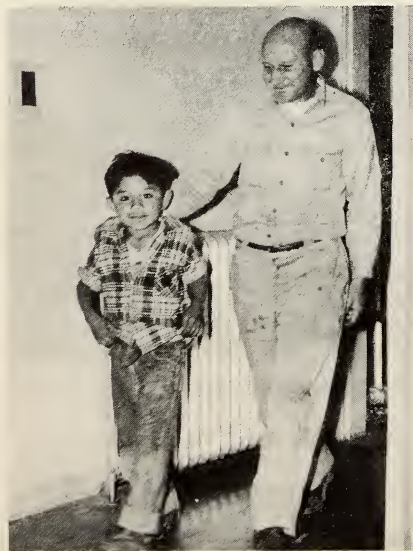
Do not park on the driveway Sunday but on the Parking Lot.

Yakima Mission Readies Indian Americans for Civil "Freedom"

While 36 Yakima Indian American boys and girls attend public schools in White Swan, Wash., they are living at Yakima Indian Christian Mission. The institution is a mission of Christian churches through The United Christian Missionary Society. The UCMS, in turn, established and administers the mission.

On the reservation, the majority of the 4,000 Yakima Indian Americans are not Christians. Their culture, in addition, continues little affected by modern civilization, Christian morals and American ideals. To the detriment of most Indian Americans on reservations, the federal government is moving to end its protective custody of them. However, nothing adequate has been done to educate them into the American life into which they expect to be

Otis, a Yakima boy living at the mission, shows off his dormitory "dad," Oscar Hoovan.



Disciple Congressman Speaks in Moscow Church

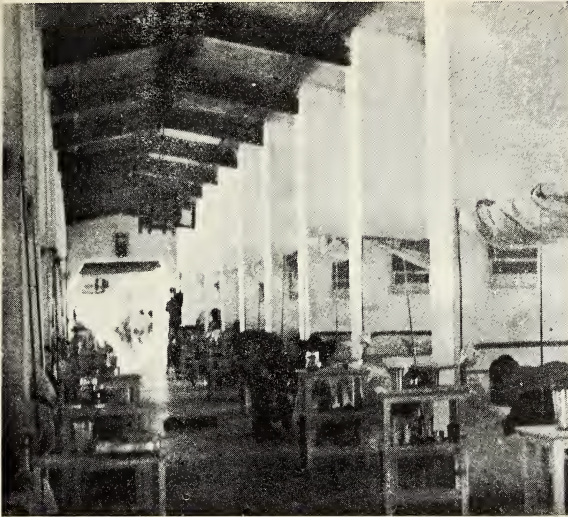
American congressman Victor Wickersham spoke in November at a morning worship service of a Baptist church in Moscow, Russia. The legislator and Disciple of Christ churchman greeted several thousand worshippers in behalf of Christians in America.

Hymns familiar to the American were sung in Russian, including "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." Mr. Wickersham, an Oklahoma delegate to the House of Representatives, commented by interpreter that although his Protestant affiliation was not the same as his hosts, they are all united in the sight of God.

This tour of Russia was the second in nine years for Mr. Wickersham.

suddenly cast. Many experts on Indian affairs doubt if these neglected citizens can cope with their "new" world.

Underlying the efforts of Yakima Indian Christian Mission is an understanding of the needs of the Yakimas. Mission director Malcolm Norment and his missionary staff are not only helping the rising generations to secure formal education but also a Christian perspective. Worship and Christian education are integral parts of the mission endeavor. The small adult congregation recently moved into a new church building, its first, and now worship, Christian education and evangelism are expanding. The mission also has welfare programs and last summer enrolled nearly 150 children in three vacation church schools. However, the mission hopes to expand its efforts now in light of the new problems facing Indian Americans because of government plans.



Medical missionaries continue the healing ministry of Christ. Shown in a ward of the Pendra Road tuberculosis hospital maintained by the Disciples of Christ.



Student nurses at Jackman Memorial Christian Hospital at Bilaspur, India, graduate to become registered nurses and highly respected among their people. Their devout lives also start many patients inquiring into Christianity.

Indian Health Minister Tours Hospitals

The Honorable Health Minister of India, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, inspected two Disciples' mission hospitals last July. With her were other national and state health officials.

At Jackman Memorial Hospital, Bilaspur, the Rajkumari, or princess, was especially interested in care and treatment of babies and children reports Dr. Moti Solomon, superintendent.

Tuberculosis treatment at the Pendra Road Sanatorium was the interest of Rajkumari there. She told superintendent Dr. T. Thomas "... friends who have come from far-off lands with the sole desire to serve sick and suffering humanity (are) doubly welcome (by India)." She added, "The spirit of service and devotion that is found in mission hospitals is something worthy of emulation by us all." She also placed the foundation stone for a patients' recreation hall.

Colegio Ward Head Receives America's Award for 1954

Dr. Fred Aden, retiring director of Colegio Ward, Christian mission school in Buenos Aires, Argentina, has received the "Americas Award for 1954." Presentation was made at a dinner of the Inter-American Press Association in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in November.

The award was bestowed on Dr. Aden as "educator, humanitarian and eminent good neighbor, in recognition of his lifetime devotion to inter-American accord as director and head of Colegio Ward, Buenos Aires, and who in the Columbus tradition has chartered new avenues to better understanding among the grateful children of all the Americas."

Previous American winners include former president Herbert Hoover, Helen Keller and the Hon. Sumner Wells.

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ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

February 6—David A. Griggs —	Dale Parkerson
February 13—B. W. Leversee —	Chas. Fuchshuber
February 20—Gail J. Roe —	Harold W. Crowder
February 27—Eppie R. Baker —	Floyd E. Morrical

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Captain, Herbert C. Banet, H-50432; Marvin L. Crouse, Donald E. Coffman, Chester L. Follis, Howard J. Howell, Earl T. Fusselman, J. J. McCarel, C. Hendrickson, Jim N. Griffin, John C. Cole, Wm. E. Olsen, Maro Bolinger, Harley Meadows.

OFFICIAL BOARD

Official Board will meet on Tuesday evening, February 8 at 7:45 P.M. in **Church Parlor**.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Chancel flowers for next Sunday are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Truby and family.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. Myron Cole, 450 Clermont, Tuesday evening, February 8 at 9 P.M. Mrs. Aden Current is co-hostess.

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Fern Teeple, 719 Union Street, Apt. T-2, Monday evening, February 14th at 6:30 P.M. Covered dish supper followed by study and devotions.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Howard Wise, 2030 Nelson Street, Monday evening, February 14th at 7:30 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. Wise, Program by Mrs. Cline.

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. T. R. Eiler, 936 Lake Avenue, Monday, February 14, Miss Heidecker will give devotions, program by Miss Shroyer.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

Come Double Class will have a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Craig, 4516 Smith Street on Saturday evening, February 12.

SENIOR BASKETBALL

Last Tuesday, 25th, the Senior Team lost a hard fought game to Trinity English Lutheran by the score of 51-36. Their record now is 4 won—4 lost. The last scheduled game is February 8th at St. John's Gym with First Methodist. The playoffs start February 15. The team has new shirts, but still lack the support of peoples voices to cheer them on.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Leo Symonds is a patient in Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Myron Cole underwent a tonsilectomy at Lutheran Hospital. At St. Joseph's Hospital: Mrs. Mallie Reidt in room 361; Mrs. Edith Pennington, for observation, Room 557; Steven Fairfield is now at home after undergoing a tonsilectomy.

Those who are ill at home: Mrs. Arthur Betz, 4427 Kenilworth; Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, 2918 Bowser Ave.; Mrs. Edith Darby, 207 S. Seminole.

HONOR ROLL (continued)

Mrs. Lois Pifer, Mr. & Mrs. Scott B. Powers, Mr. & Mrs. H. K. Pritchard, Mr. & Mrs. Powell A. Rayburn, Mrs. Nelle C. Reed, Beatrice Rice, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, Judith Rice, Merle Rice, Mrs. F. H. Rogers, Wendell Rose, Mr. & Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Miss Lenore Rousseau, Mrs. Olive Roy, Mrs. Lee Sapp, Miss Edna Saxon, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Miss Minnie Screen, Mrs. Laura Sherer, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Mrs. H. J. Shulze, Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mr. & Mrs. Jos. Siples, Arlene Smell, Mr. & Mrs. Arza Smith, Mr. & Mrs. L. Dale Smith, Marshall Smith, Sharon Smith, Mr. Preston Somers, Barbara Staley, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. W. Staley, Mr. & Mrs. H. H. Stevenson, Michael Symms, Mrs. Rober Symms, (to be continued).

OUR SYMPATHY

We express deepest sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. Joseph B. Fitch, Miss Anita Fitch, Mrs. James Hirschy and their families in the recent loss of mother and sister, Mrs. F. Beatrice Fitch.



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"In year 476, the Roman Empire under the combined stress of invasion from without and corruption within, finally collapsed, civilization in Western Europe was not merely arrested, it was reversed. As time moved forward, it moved backward until in 100 years or so it had reverted to where it stood in the Homeric Age around 1000 B.C." From 500-1000 A.D. Europeans fought one another in a state of savagery. Writing, uncommon, was looked upon as magic. Greek, Latin, science, art, literature, philosophy were hardly found or forgotten. The only thread was the few churchmen, bold spirits kept up their reading and writing. Barbarians stand upon our frontiers. We also suffer corruption, distraction, a form of writing and acting to the peril of our minds and soul and a threat to our civilization. Our roots in Christian thought and spirit must be deep. We must keep above the animal kingdom. Christians must assume the responsibility to make our Churches and Christian life strong.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M. Offertory: "For The Beauty of The Earth"
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist —Rocher. Junior Choir, Mrs. Jack Kelly, Dir.
Miss Helen Flaig, director Anthem: "Go Not Far From Me, O God"—Zingarelli
Sermon: "The Portrait of A Christian" Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

C.Y.F. 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

High School Choir will practice at 5 o'clock.

MEN'S FORUM

Sunday Evening, 5 to 7 p.m. — Dinner Meeting

Mr. Donald M. Pinney will be the speaker. His subject "A-Bomb Amnesia." Miss Alice Richard and Miss Nancy Reim will entertain with a piano duet. Mr. Merland Heller, Mr. Ward Bundy, Mr. Henry Vernard, and Mr. Harold Crowder compose the food committee for next Sunday evening.

SENIOR BASKETBALL

The boys lost another good game by the close score of 50-47. Their record now is 4 won, 6 lost. They play their next game in the playoffs, starting the 15th.

PLEASE! PLEASE! Under the leadership of J. Hugh Tracey and others, top soil, seed and straw was put on the lawn south of our driveway at great expense. Former ruts made by people driving on our lawn were laborously erased. Please do not ruin what has taken so many donated hours and donated money. Our beautiful church and lovely grounds have come through the sacrifice of many. Help us to keep them beautiful. Please do not mar grounds or building by thoughtless acts.



Junior Hi-Y is one of the many activities sponsored by All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center in Los Angeles. Here boys worship together at their Hi-Y meeting.

Mission Work Thrives In Interracial Area

From two members in 1942, when it was founded, All Peoples Christian Church in Los Angeles, now has 150 active members. The community center in connection with the church is helping build interracial fellowship through its service to the community.

One of the six institutional missions supported by The United Christian Missionary Society, All Peoples is in the heart of an interracial neighborhood. It was established early in World War II, when there were racial clashes especially in this area where Japanese-Americans had been evacuated and other groups had moved in.

All Peoples Community Center provides supervised recreation and organ-

ized group activity to meet the social needs of the neighborhood. There is a playground, gymnasium, social rooms and library and more than 500 persons of all ages participate in these activities. There is a nursery-kindergarten which cares for 45 children of pre-school age while their parents work.

Here where all peoples work and worship in Christian unity, there are educational opportunities too: field trips, music, English classes, art work, and crafts.

Housed in the former Japanese Christian Institute, All Peoples was begun by Mr. and Mrs. Dan B. Genung.

The major races represented in the church and community center today are Japanese and Negro, however, there are some Chinese and other Asians, Europeans and native American families.

New Nursery Lessons Ready for Church Use

A new series of lessons for the three-year old, his teachers and his parents may be obtained from the Christian Board of Publication. The series contains a 256-page guide book for the teacher, four illustrated story-books for the child, picture sets for class use and quarterly leaflets to inform parents of the child's church progress.

Eight German Students Visit Disciple Homes For One Year in U.S.

Eight German high school students are spending this year, 1954-55, in Disciple homes over the United States. They arrived in this country the last of July.

The students and their Disciple host families are Johann-Henrich Duenholter with Rev. and Mrs. Weymeth McGrew, Puyallup, Washington; Christl Gratze with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rucker, Mineola, Texas; Grisela Herrtel with Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Walters, Des Moines, Iowa; Waltraut Heidenreich with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. K. Evans, Austin, Minnesota; Ingrid Henke with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin B. Vice, Lexington, Kentucky; Renate Kahl with

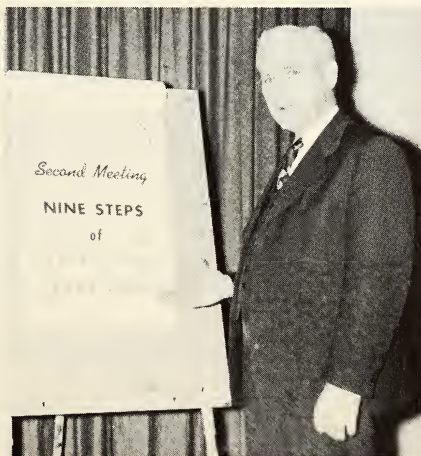
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jensen, Lincoln, Nebraska; Holger Schmid with Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Houston, Jr., Eminence, Kentucky; and Friedrich Karl Schroder with Rev. and Mrs. Norman E. West, Mansfield, Pennsylvania.

These young people are here for the fifth consecutive year by arrangement with the social welfare department of The United Christian Missionary Society. Their stay in the U.S. is financed by the International Exchange Program. This may be the last year because of proposed cuts in the U.S. Government appropriations for the program.

National Evangelist Has Progressive Year

Mr. John W. Frye, the national evangelist for the Disciples of Christ, reports that 1953-54 was the "richest year in the experience of your national evangelist." In 19 visitation evangelism meetings from September, 1953, through June, 1954, Mr. Frye had over

700 additions. Working through the department of church development and evangelism of The United Christian Missionary Society, Mr. Frye visits churches over the country, counseling with pastors and members, holding revival meetings, visiting prospective members, helping establish and organize new churches and programs within the churches.



John W. Frye, Disciple national evangelist.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. T. R. Eiler, 936 Lake, Monday evening, February 14. Devotions by Miss Heidecker, Program by Miss Shroyer.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Howard Wise, 2030 Nelson St., Monday, February 14, 7:30. Devotions by Mrs. Wise, Program by Mrs. Cline.

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Fern Teeple, 719 Union St., Monday, February 14, at 6:30 P.M.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mr. & Mrs. B. G. Taylor, Mrs. Fern Teeple, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tharp, Mr. & Mrs. Bueford Tharp, Mrs. Maude Thurman, Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy Timbrook, Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Tracey, Steven Tracey, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey, Miss Carole Truby, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Truby, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Uhl, Mr. & Mrs. D. S. Vesey, Mrs. Flora Virts, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Vunora, George Weatherford, Mrs. Albert Wesling, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Whinery, Doyle Whitton, Gerald Whitton, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Whitton, Mrs. Ollie Wiley, Mrs. Mary Wilhelm, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Miss Nancy Woodhull, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Working, Mrs. Roxy Wunderlich, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Yentes, Mrs. Orpha Yost, Miss Ruth Yost, Mr. & Mrs. Bret Young, Mr. Delmas Young, Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Young.

AMONG OUR SICK

Miss Rita Roe is a surgical patient at St. Joseph's Hospital. Mrs. Thomas W. Yoder is a patient in Parkview Hospital.

NOTES

The grandparents of Phillip Uhl, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Peterson, are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary next Sunday.

EVERYDAY RELIGION

All through life we are going through gates which close behind us. Nor can they be opened again. Life drives us on, whether we want to go or not. And we must go with it, and grow with it.

The gate of the Garden of Eden was locked, barred, guarded by an angel with a flaming sword. Adam and Eve could not go back. No more can we go back into the past, save on the wings of memory.

Did ever anyone step back into yesterday? Never, it is gone—it sinks into the abyss behind us as we go forward. If we could return to the past it would be different because we are different.

Life cannot be repeated. Change is the one unchanging law of being. We change, others change, all things change. This makes the pathos of parting; when we meet again we are not the same.

Youth, midlife, old age—each is a gate through which we must pass. To try to be young when we are old, is as pathetic as to be old when we are young. Each age has its duty, its discipline, its delight.

To take the next step, do the next duty, hit the next ball with grit and skill and grace, fill our time, not kill it, to be thankful for life, thoughtful in the use of it—here is real wisdom.

As one gate after another closes behind us, another gate opens before us. Too many of us stand, sad of heart, because of the gate that closed. Looking backward, we do not see the gate open before us.

"Forgetting the things that are left behind, I press forward," said St. Paul. When a gate closes behind us, and we hear it click, to accept it, forget it, and enter the open gate ahead—that is the way of life.

Ever the gates of a new life are opening, if we have eyes to see and the courage to let the past go and grasp the passing day.

—Joseph Fort Nelson



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TO KNOW HIM AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION

Jesus died. Men crucified Him because his goodness seemed evil to his contemporaries who had the power of life and death. "Better for one man to die than the whole nation perish," was their wisdom. Look at Jesus through the eyes of the Jewish leaders and you see a blasphemer, a heretic, a traitor to his nation. As you look at Jesus through the eyes of the Pharisees he is an unordained pretender, who threw to the wind respect for law and ritual. Blasphemer was the word they used. The racial purists were outraged as they saw him mingle freely with other peoples, with Samaritans: The Sadducees saw a revolutionist, the Zealots, a traitor. The authorities knew what to do with heresy and treason and he was nailed to a tree.

Look at people through Jesus' eyes. The poor widow made the greater sacrifice, the sinner because he repented from his heart was justified, and the mocking, stupid, power crazy crowd was like cattle in a stampede; like sheep without a shepherd, they knew not what they did. They were worthy of the greatest sacrifice he might make that they might know God, the Father and Saviour.

Not only the apostles but the peoples of all the history yet to be will learn that through sacrifice comes life and peace. Jesus agreed it is better one man die as a saviour than the ages linger on in the hell of hatred and death. Yes, to know Him and the power of His resurrection, you must enter into the experiences of His suffering and sacrifice. Sacrifice is a basic word for real Christians.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 P.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M. Offertory: "The Raising of Lazarus"
 Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist Miss Helen Flaig, Contralto
 Miss Helen Flaig, Director
 SERMON: "The Only Way" Preacher, Our Minister

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

The Officers and Teachers will have a carry-in dinner meeting on Thursday evening, 6:30 February 17. Mr. Lyle Harvey, Director of Christian Education for the State of Indiana will be guest speaker.

C.Y.F. — 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

The High School Choir will practice Sunday at 5 o'clock.

Junior Choir practice on Wednesdays at 4:00 P.M.

PACESETTERS

The biggest thing about a principle or a battle or an array is a man! . . . There is only one thing that counts in this life, and it beats all the maxims ever penned—that is, for a man's spirit to be all right. If that is what it should be all the details of his life will fall into their proper places . . .

When you are called to get into the game, get into it good and strong. There's no fun in going through life spoon-fed; in finding the soft-seat. That makes a man soft, and a soft man is an abomination before God and men. Find your place and hold it; find your work and do it. And put everything you've got into it. Take hold and carry the biggest load your shoulders can carry, and then carry it right. Set the pace for others; don't let them set it for you. —Edward W. Bok

THE "I CAN" SPIRIT

"I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me."
Phil. 4:13

Did you ever listen to a horse trainer talk about good show horses? Almost the highest praise he can give to a horse is, "That horse really 'can do.'" He "can do" does not merely imply form, action, and speed but combines with these, spirit and personality, for horses as well as men have personality. The horse that "can do" has the spirit of the first two words of our text, "I can."

One of the most "inspiring things in the New Testament is that most of the early Christians about whom it writes had the unconquerable, "I can" spirit. The worst torture the Romans could inflict could not subdue them. They lived in the faith expressed by Jesus, when he said "Fear not them that kill the body and after that have no more that they can do." This apparently insignificant group thrilled the world in which they lived and indicated by their faith and action that they lived by the dauntless, "I can" spirit.

Today, with inventions, wealth, opportunities, and physical power of which they never dreamed and a world gone mad with selfishness, we Christians have lost much of our "I can" spirit and feel helpless and confused.

Some years ago I entertained the distinguished Doctor Grenfell of Labrador, as my guest for nearly a whole day. It was an unforgettable experience. Standing on a high bluff at Quincy, Illinois, we looked out over the Mississippi when it was in a great flood rampage. The body of the river spread out for more than a mile at our feet, and the water swept on at terrifying speed. As Doctor Grenfell stood gazing at this amazing spectacle, he turned and said, "It is so big and powerful and unmanageable, it makes one want all the more to harness and control it." All his life he had been saying, "I can," when others have said, "I am afraid," "It is beyond me," or "It is quite impossible." He never knew defeat. He did not always win at the start, but he aligned himself with such worthwhile projects that he dared not give up. He never thought of failure. "I can" was the watchword of this great Christian.

The "can" life meets its dangers as the eagle meets the storm. He drives straight into it and sets his wings so as to carry him over the clouds and rolling winds. The Moffatt translation reads: "In him who strengtheneth me I am able for anything." Did the world ever need that spirit in Christians more than it does today?
—Edward A. Thompson, D.D.

NOTES

The Sanctuary Choir rehearsal Thursday night at 7:30. If you like to sing, plan to come to rehearsal. Miss Helen Flaig is director.

Chancel flowers this Sunday are the gift of Rev. and Mrs. Robert T. Beck, in honor of his mother on her birthday.

CHOIR DIRECTOR

Miss Helen Flaig at the last Board meeting was selected as the director of the Sanctuary Choir. Well qualified by academic training and public school experience as music instructor. She brings a fine background to her position. Those interested in music will find opportunity for good experience and a significant way to serve Christ and His Church. If you sing, join the choir.

OUR SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Roger Symms and family in the recent loss of husband and father. Mike and Steven are members of First Christian.

IN HOSPITAL

Mr. J. M. Miller is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital. Mr. J. Fred Riethmiller is a patient in Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Elmer Braun underwent surgery this week at Parkview Hospital. Little Miss Cynthia Yentes is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CWF will hold an evening meeting next Monday, February 21. Executive in the Chapel at 7:15 P.M. General in Church Parlor at 8 P.M. Mrs. George Wood is our guest for the program. She will lecture and show pictures of "Madonnas." This program should be very interesting and we urge all our women and friends to be present. The Esther Circle is in charge of devotions; hospitality by the Higdon Circle and refreshments by the Fellowship Guild. Miss Helen Flaig will furnish special music.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is February 25 at Trinity English Lutheran Church. Afternoon services at 2 P.M. and Evening services at 7:30 P.M. This is a Day of Prayer for the peoples of the world. Every woman should try to attend one of these meetings. Men are also invited to attend.

WEEK OF COMPASSION — February 20-27, 1955

"Give Thanks By Giving." Share our surplus with the hungry overseas. Let us give that the hungry of the Earth may eat from our abundance. Let us give generously to this fund. \$1.00 will supply vital fats for 100 tubercular persons for ten days. \$10.00 will provide cheese for 250 protein-deficient persons for a month. \$100.00 will serve each of 2000 under-nourished children a cup of milk for 100 days. The "Share Our Surplus" program is a project of Church World Service. The disciples of Christ cooperate in it through the Week of Compassion. Let us give thanks by giving.

WORLD CONVENTION

Our church is a part of a world-wide brotherhood. We have churches in 30 countries, and their total membership is 2,045,000. The World Convention, which meets in Toronto, Canada, August 16-21 of this year, is the only organization among us which includes all our churches and institutions in one great fellowship of love across the world. If you are interested in attending the Toronto Convention, see your pastor for fuller information.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BUILDING FUND CANVASS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

All of us in First Christian Church know that we enjoy the comfort and inspiration of a brand new Church building. Most of us know that our building debt is \$225,000.

Some of us know that we are obligated to pay regular monthly installments on the debt. Accordingly your Church officers, knowing that most pledges to our last building fund canvass are about paid up, authorized a new building fund canvass.

The canvass is now being organized. Herman Sigrist, Alex. Campbell, Sherman Myers, John Merrill, and myself are the Canvass leaders.

An important event of the Canvass is our Loyalty Dinner to which every family of our church will be invited. Mrs. Paul Truby is chairman of the Hostess Committee for this dinner. Under the leadership of Mr. Merrill 60 of our members will devote 10 days to telling, in the homes of our members, the facts about our church debt.

A Majority of us have given over recent years to the building fund. We hope that all our families will share in this Canvass. As we ponder the truth in our Canvass theme, "We Grow By Giving" we realize that sacrificial giving is an essential part of our individual lives. Our need to give is as indispensable to our spiritual life as our need to eat is to our physical life.

I trust that all of us will work together with such devotion that we will become better acquainted and will love each other for our weaknesses as well as our strengths.

—William J. Olsen, Chairman
Canvass Committee



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THE CANVASS

What have we to offer God? Have you canvassed your soul and its resources? The early church was slow to write creeds for it felt that it was upon the heart that the word of God should be written. Look in your heart. What great truths of God are written there? Is the new law of love there? As you canvass your soul, is there a deep calmness and trust in God or is your soul a storm center of conflicting desires and purposes? Have you masked unworthy motives with self-righteousness? Is your focus on what your neighbors do? Or is your purpose clear cut, to do God's will to the best of your ability? Canvass your soul. Do you really love your church, do you really love God with all your heart?

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory: "Prayer" by Curran
Mrs. Landis R. Mote, Soloist
Anthem: "Praise, My Soul" by Andrews
Sanctuary Choir, Miss Helen Flaig, Director
Preacher: Our Pastor

Sermon: "From Darkness to Light"

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Classes for every age. Bring your children with you to the Church School, That is the right way.

C.Y.F. — 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

High School Choir Rehearsal at 5 o'clock.
Junior practice on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

LOYALTY DINNER

The Loyalty Dinner will be held on Tuesday evening at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall of the church. Plans are being perfected for the serving of the largest group of our membership which we have ever had together around tables.

Mrs. H. W. Sigrist is heading the committee on arrangements for the dinner which will be free to every member of the church and to all our families. Mrs. Paul Truby is head of the hostesses who will preside at the tables. Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mrs. Harold L. Jackson and Mrs. Paul Clendenen is in charge of the decorations.

At this dinner an unusual program will be presented. Absolutely no solicitation and no pledges will be taken.

There will be entertainment for the children and nursery care for the babies.

WEEK OF COMPASSION — February 20-27, 1955

FORT WAYNE NATIONAL BANK

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February 22, 1955

The Reverend Robert T. Beck, D.D.
First Christian Church of Fort Wayne
4800 South Calhoun Street
Fort Wayne 6, Indiana

Dear Doctor Beck:

We read in the Sunday morning paper of the fund-raising campaign which will shortly be launched by the First Christian Church. This action, for the purpose of liquidating the debt incurred in constructing your fine church building and facilities, is certainly commendable.

The launching of such a drive, especially during a period of high individual incomes, appears to be timely and is one which we endorse most heartily.

Sincere best wishes for a highly successful campaign.

Respectfully yours,

H. H. STELLHORN
Assistant Vice President

HHS:JM

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dr. Dye Circle will serve LUNCHEON AT THE CHURCH, Wednesday 12:30, March 2, 1955, for members and invited guests.

Program by Mrs. A. C. Worley. She will show pictures of her trip through the Caribbean Islands. Devotions by Mrs. E. L. Harris. Special music by Mrs. John Baughman.

The Paul Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Cecil Kinzie, 1701 Cherokee Rd. Thursday, March 3rd, at 1:30 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. Dale Parkerson, Program by Mrs. Arza Smith.

The Nelson Circle will meet with Mrs. Harold Crowder, 447 Lenox Ave. Wednesday evening, March 2nd, 8 P.M. Mrs. Landis R. Mote is in charge of study period.

The Edna Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. Rolland Ripple, 3405 Central Drive, Wednesday, March 2nd at 1:30. MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE. Program by Mrs. Kenneth L. Edwards, Devotions by Mrs. Ray Woodhull.

BOOKS FROM CHURCH LIBRARY

The following books have been out of the Library for several months: "Every Day A Prayer", "Pearls Are Made", "A Man Can Know God", "Civilization On Trial", "The Glory of the Impossible", "The World Is My Home", "India At the Threshold", "I Would Do It Again". If you have finished reading these books, please return them to the church library. Thank you.

WORLD CONVENTION — TORONTO, CANADA

August 16 - 21, 1955

The pre-Convention registration fee for the Toronto World Convention, August 16-21 of this year, is \$3.00 for adults. For young people under 21, ministerial students and missionaries, \$1.50 per person. If you wait to register until you get to Toronto, the fee will be \$3.50 for adults. Give your registration fee to your pastor to send in, or send it yourself, direct to H. B. Holloway, Registrar, 320 Lesley Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, and receive your housing accommodation.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Irene Kissinger, 1007 Northwood, Friday evening, March 4th at 8 P.M.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr. Ernest C. Tatman in his recent enrollment in the Quarter Century Club at the General Electric Company.

NEW BABIES

A new boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harshman — Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clendermen are the grandparents.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Wm. H. Crouse has returned to his home after undergoing surgery last week. Mrs. Donald Bowers is ill at her home, 4915 McClellan Street. Little Pamela Fleming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fleming, is ill at her home R.R. 1, Carroll Road.

NOTHING TO ARGUE

Dorothy Thompson is reported recently as having said: "Back in the days when it was popular to apologize for the communists, the 'Town Meeting of the Air' scheduled a debate on the question, 'Can communism and Christianity get along together?' The auditorium was crowded. Many were waiting to hurl questions at the four speakers.

"The two speakers for the affirmative were ex-ministers. They went to great lengths to argue that the teachings of Jesus did not contradict the goals of communism. For the negative there was a Roman Catholic priest and I. The priest gave the usual Catholic argument. Communism could never fit in with Christianity because it was atheistic.

"I was the last speaker. All of a sudden I knew what to say. I forgot my prepared speech, rose and said, 'I am here tonight to testify to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ'."

"There were no questions. Nothing to argue! No communist could so testify. No one could reply."

—The Christian Advocate

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BUILDING FUND CANVASS TEAMS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

One of the better known verses of the Bible is the words of Jesus which St. Paul quotes, "It is more blessed to give than it is to receive". In thinking about our building fund canvass, that verse keeps coming to mind and, although I am not a preacher, I should like to share with you what it means to me.

There is universal agreement about the value of receiving. It is a necessity of our lives. Without the food and drink we receive from a Providential care, life would end. Without the kindness of friends and the love of our families, there would be no music in our lives and laughter would be unknown.

Think how much we have received; — Life from our Creator through the union of our parents; — Tender care from our parents. Citizenship in a land of liberty, bought by the blood of boys who wanted to live just as much as we want to live; — A free church which has come to us from men who loved truth more than comfort and God more than their lives. All these gifts we have received, and it is blessed to have them. They are a necessary part of the life we know and cherish.

But, along with our need to receive we have a need to give. And Jesus said it is **more blessed to give** than to receive. We need to give freely from what we have received freely.

To men who have lived close to God this meant that Christ gave them the gift of eternal life, and that in turn they must give their lives back to God. So, they first gave themselves to the Lord. And then they gave their time, and their skills, and their money.

Most of us have difficulty in giving our money because we have not yet given ourselves completely **back** to God. We are immature Christians, and immature people need rules for their guidance. And God out of His lovingkindness has given a rule for the use of our money. God says we have a need to give our money. "How much do we need to give," we ask. And God says, "One tenth of your income. That is a minimum amount you need to give. Any less amount is less than your giving need."

Thus we have the Biblical rule for tithing. Viewed in this light, the rule is no longer a burden laid on our lives by a cold, unfeeling God in order to impoverish our lives. It now appears to be, as it actually is, the counsel of a loving Father who knows what we need for our wellbeing.

Very soon some friend in our church will call in your home to talk with you about our building fund canvass. As you think about the amount of your pledge, and as you talk with the canvasser about it, keep in mind your giving need, and what God says is the minimum amount that will meet it.

—John E. Merrill, Chairman
Teams Committee



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THE WAY TO MAKE TITHING EASY

We frequently hear people talk as if tithing is a hard job. As a matter of fact, tithing the income to the Lord is a very easy matter. The reason that tithing is hard for some people is because they have the wrong motive in doing it.

I do not tithe because someone else tithes. I do not tithe because the church needs money. I do not tithe because I fear the curse of God if I do not. I do not tithe in order that we may have a new church building and better equipment. I do not tithe because the Bible teaches it (though that is the reason I know I should tithe). I tithe because I love my Lord, and want to do His will.

When we tithe for any other reason than of love for God, then tithing becomes legalistic and irksome. We give the most to the objects of our love. I love my Lord supremely, therefore I want to give Him the most. When once the love of God burns supremely in an enlightened heart, tithing ceases to be a legalistic task hard to fulfill and becomes a joy not to be denied. Let the love of God dwell in your heart and try tithing the income to Him, a joy closely akin to the joy of your salvation. In fact, the joy of salvation will be intensified.

—Selected.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory: "O Lord Most Holy"

Quartet: Barbara Griffith, Nancy Hill,

Bernadine Bogan, Alice Richard

Anthem: "If With All Your Hearts"—Mendelssohn

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Sermon: "Redeeming The Time"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Classes for every age.

C.Y.F. — 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

High School Choir practice at 5 o'clock. Junior Choir on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

COOPERATION AND SACRIFICE

Co-operation is a great word in our language. Paul lifted the spirit of co-operation to a high level when he said, "we are co-workers together with God". Jesus had said "My Father and I work hitherto."

Some, tragically, were unable to catch the vision. Judas, tho' he studied under Jesus for three years—one of the chosen twelve—who appeared a saint to the group and those looking on, played the devil inside the group and ignominiously betrayed into deadly hands the Prince of Peace. Aninias and Sapphira, unable to learn the lesson of cooperation and sacrifice became for all generations the personification of the liar and deceiver.

The fathers of our country, the movers of the first Continental Congress, pledged their possessions, their honor and their lives to a new epoch and a new nation. Their lives gloriously shine in the annals of great patriots. But in the darker paragraphs of the life of those days are recorded the treacheries of the traitor Benedict Arnold who in conniving secret pacts, sought to break the bond of unity and cooperation ending in his betrayal of his country, so black and treacherous was this deed.

But our nation's new epoch was hazarded also by the indifference of many who were trying to play safe, at times when the Continental Army was small, short in rations, artillery and ammunition. Men like Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, Madison, refused to surrender. In the dark days of this difficult period our nation lived on because there were those undaunted who suffered—who made the supreme sacrifice. As we people of a great nation recall this great period, we stand to attention and solemnly cry, "All hail the undying courage of these patriots shall live on."

We are in a new epoch in First Christian Church. We too must depend on the loyalty and devotion of the citizens of Jesus' Kingdom. The call is for co-operation and sacrifice. Many of our people have made and are making sacrifices that are real and deep. Let that be known and hailed with honor. We cannot believe anyone would step into the role of a betrayer or traitor. But some may become indifferent or stand on the side lines or try to play safe and do nothing.

The call is for everyone. How can anyone stand back. Let him that heareth say, "Come". Let everyone answer the summons of Christ and His Church. As Washington and the Continental Congress called for volunteers, so First Christian calls to every member to participate in this canvass of sacrifice.

Let us be workers together with God and find joy and peace in a sacrifice of love. Let us work together in peace, love and unity.

TASK OF PRAYER

The task of prayer is not so much to enlist God's support for ourselves and our effort as it is to change our wills and desires so that they permit the creative power of God to flow over us, into us, and through us. We are more than automations. We do not move mechanically across a chessboard, weighed down with deadening burdens. We are creative creatures with a destiny. We believe that we live not only for today and tomorrow, but for ternity. When we die, we believe, we move on to tasks that are far more interesting than those we have performed here, and we are not sad. In this belief we live and move and have our being; we work, we worship, we play, we love and are loved, for we have hope. When we fail, as we often do, we try again; when we are afraid, as we sometimes are, we quiet our minds and spirits and thus renew our courage. God is not a dictator who bends to his will, but a Creator who calls us to fellowship and to creative living, to become, as Paul has said, "heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ," who strengthens us.—"My Faith Looks Up."

—Russell L. Dicks

It is not through strength alone that trees survive. It is not in never bending, but in never failing to spring erect again after the gale has passed, that victory is achieved. Resiliency also is an important factor in triumphant living. The winds of life will bend us, but if we have resiliency-of-the-spirit, they cannot break us. Courageously to straighten again, after our heads have been bowed by defeat, disappointment, and suffering, is the supreme test of character.

—Selected.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

March 6	—	Wilbur M. Whinery	—	Glenn R Miller
13	—	Eural G Rose	—	Cecil Rice
20	—	John E Merrill	—	Albert Egly
27	—	Graystone Cripe	—	Charles Fuchshuber

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

Paul E. Truby, Captain, K-1514; J. E. Tracey, T. W. Eddleman, Cecil A. Kinzie, John F. Hechler, Bret R. Young, Wm. E. Tracey, Robert E. Working, Mark H. Crouse, Leon Johns, Kenneth Lytle, Dr. R. W. Goebel, Everett W. Evans.

If unable to serve please call your captain.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. Stanley Cole, Upper Huntington Rd. Tuesday evening, March 8 at 7:30 P.M. Miss Ruth Burris is co-hostess.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Helene Rodda, our Nurse, is quite ill in St. Joseph's hospital.

Wm. Miller is a patient in Room 159, Lutheran hospital.

Martha Ponds is ill with the mumps.

Robert and William Olsen have the measles.

J. Hugh Tracey is ill at his home.

NEW BABY IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brubaker.

OUR RECEPTION PARLOR IS BEING MADE BEAUTIFUL

Thanks to the ladies of our Church for the beautiful drapes.

And thanks to the Ladies Bible Class who gave the Planters complete with plants and the lovely candlesticks for the fireplace.

We thank the Service Men's Wives Club for the fireplace logs, andirons, and screen.

ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir meets each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Miss Helen Flaig is the director. If you sing join the Choir.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The **Official Board March** regular meeting has been postponed until a later date. Members will be notified by mail.

GREAT WELCH DINNER — FRIDAY, MARCH 18th

You are invited to share with these great Welch people who sing because they love to sing. See Edward Ashton or Charles Fuchshuber for tickets.

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"I GAVE MY LIFE FOR THEE, WHAT HAST THOU GIV'N FOR ME?"

During the next few days every family in our Church will be asked to make a sacrificial gift to our Building Fund. Gifts that are large enough to be sacrificial will be painful to make. For most of us it will mean a long struggle with our conscience.

For some it will mean something akin to a personal Gethsemane. To help us all overcome the temptation to save ourselves, I humbly offer the following bits of Scripture. There is one for each day between this Sunday and next. I pray that some one of them will help each of us to come to the right decision about our pledge.

Sunday: Acts 20: 33-36—

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Monday: Luke 20: 21-25—

"Render unto God the things which be God's."

Tuesday: Genesis 28: 20-22—

"I will surely give the tenth unto Thee."

Wednesday: Matthew 10: 5-8—

"Freely you have received, freely give."

Thursday: I Chron. 29: 10-18—

"All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given Thee."

Friday: Luke 6: 37-38—

"Give and it shall be given to thee; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over."

Saturday: II Corinthians 9: 6-15—

"God loveth a cheerful giver."

"Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift."

—Glenn R. Miller, Chairman of the Official Board

CANVASS PRAYER PLEDGE

At each evening meal from now until the close of our canvass I shall take my mind from whatever I am doing and pray for the success of this canvass sacrificial pledges. I shall do so knowing the other members and friends of our church are joining me in prayer at the same time each day.

Signed.....

THE PRAYER

O Lord our God, Saviour of our souls, we place ourselves and what we are trying to accomplish in Thy hands. As we go in His name to strengthen the church, guide, direct and prosper us. May we not betray the cause of Christ by indifference or negligence. Strengthen the faculties of our minds. May we exert them diligently in the task before our church. Save us from pride, vanity or reliance upon our own wisdom. May we cherish the opportunity we have of talking to our brothers and sisters about the things of God. Help us to instill hope and cheerful confidence, avoiding contention, resentment and bitterness which corrode the soul. May we be mindful that we work not just for to-day but for the years to come that our church may go on shepherding youth, comforting the aged, building Christian homes and pointing the way to a better world. Beginning with me, make our canvass Christian, sacrificial and complete. Amen.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M. Offertory: "O Saviour Kind" by Shure
 Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist Anthem: "Bow Down Thine Ear" by Morgan
 Miss Helen Flaig, Director
 Sermon: "God's Will" Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

C.Y.F. — 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

High School Choir will practice at 5 o'clock.
 Junior Choir will practice Wednesday at 4 P.M.

MEN'S FORUM

Dinner Meeting 5 to 7 P.M.

Sunday, March 13th

An interesting program is being arranged. Special music by the High School Choir.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. O. R. Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw St., Monday evening, March 14, at 8 P.M. Mrs. Robert T. Beck will review the book, "Fly With Me to India", Mrs. S. E. Merriman will give devotions.

The Esther Group will meet with Mrs. Irene Kissinger, 1007 Northwood, Monday, March 14, at 6:30 for a carry-in dinner which will be followed by devotions and study.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Clyde Manley, 4410 South Colonial Drive, Monday evening, March 14, at 7:45 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. Ernest Kattas, and Program by Mrs. Alma Beck.

PASTOR'S CLASS

The Pastor's Class for Junior and Intermediate youth, begins this Saturday morning, March 12 at 10 o'clock and every Saturday morning through April 2.

TWELVE DEFINITIONS OF A TOKEN GIFT

(More Than 90% of Our Church Families Are Making Only
Token Gifts to Their Churches)

1. **A token gift** is one which represents less than \$1 per week for every \$1000 of annual income of the giving family—this is less than one-half the tithe.

2. **A token gift** is not made "token" by just the size of the gift but by comparison to the financial ability of the giver to give—by the need of the giver to give.

3. **A token gift** is not just one that is small in amount. It is even more likely that the family with the greater giving ability is making a token gift in an amount that may seem large when compared to some real gifts.

4. **A token gift** is not a gift because "to give" is defined as "to bestow freely without return." Therefore, a contribution to a church which is only large enough to cover the giver's proportionate share of the church expenses (for services received and facilities used) is not a gift but only a payment—like dues to a club.

5. **A token gift** is like a zero. It can be increased by a percentage, or even multiplied a number of times, and it will continue to be only a token gift.

6. **A token gift** is obviously an excuse for not making a real gift and it robs the giver of the positive acceptance of Christian responsibility and the pleasures that go with real giving. People enjoy doing those things which they do well.

7. **A token gift** is not strong enough to pull more than equally token interests—in the giver's own spiritual life. Christ said "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." He put treasure first, with the degree of interest dependent upon the proportion of the treasure as explained in the parable about the widow's mite.

8. **A token gift** cannot be considered as a positive spiritual action, therefore it must carry with it either a neutral or a negative spiritual reaction. When confronted with a requirement for action, a token giver cannot be expected to take a positive action.

9. **A token gift** is worse than no gift because:

A. it tempts others to make token gifts to the church

B. it helps the church enough (only financially) to conceal the requirement for better than token gifts from others.

C. it soothes the conscience of the giver.

D. it avoids, or at least postpones the day of decision for, true Christian action.

10. **A token gift** is a sin because the family which is not giving as much as it needs to give to its church obviously is worshipping its dollars more than it is worshipping the Lord, and therefore is breaking the first and the most important of the Ten Commandments.

11. **A token gift** is a form of spiritual suicide which can involve the innocent giver who is not properly led and guided in spiritual dollar giving by the responsible leaders of the church.

12. **A token gift** is indicative of a bad habit of giving. People must be taught how to overcome bad habits—but they instinctively resist and resent being taught. Christ was a teacher and they crucified Him.

—Reprinted from Wells Way

SUCH INDEBTEDNESS

Plenty of people do not feel under any indebtedness to the world in which they live. They stroll into life and settle down in it as tho all its blessings had been dropped by accident and cost nothing. "They pick life up and spend it carelessly, as a tramp picks up a chance coin lost upon the street, with no gratitude to the one who owned it and with no sense of honorable obligation in its use." They take the liberties, the civic privileges, the cultural gains, the spiritual inheritance of the civilization in which at so late a date they have arrived and they appropriate it all as tho it were their own.

Modern conveniences are taken for granted. Listen to Roger Bacon of the 13th Century, "Machines for navigating are possible without rowers, so that great ships . . . may be borne with greater speed than as if . . . if full of men rowing. Likewise cars . . . so without a draft animal they could move with incredible celerity . . . and flying machines . . .". What lavish expenditure and sacrifice from that day to this. Or what shall we say of the free educational system. The governor of Virginia in 1670: "I thank God there are no free schools, nor printing . . .". Who can measure the sacrificial devotion that has been required from that day to this.

How easily we take for granted the security and ideals of our country. Not one blessing of the American people that has not been baptized in blood and tears.

How can we take without a sense of indebtedness the innumerable blessings that surround and permeate our living because for over nineteen centuries the Christian Gospel has been at work among us. And the privileges of a free church—of First Christian Church. I tell you if we fail, they fail! What responsibility rests on us.

Sacrificial service is not a principle of generosity alone: It is a matter of honor. To be selfish and "near" in our support is to be an ingrate. We are to live sacrificial lives because we are the beneficiaries of sacrificial living beyond our power to equal or repay. We should forgive our enemies because we have been forgiven. We should be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, even as God for Christ's sake, has forgiven us. Freely you have received, freely give. We should lay down our lives for the brethren because Christ first laid down his life for us.

Joyce Kilmer as he went out to fight and to die in France sang,

Lord, Thou didst suffer more for me
Than all the hosts of land and sea.
So let me render back again
This millionth of Thy gift, Amen."

To sacrifice is to live.

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SACRIFICIAL GIVERS IN THIS CANVASS

Here is the initial listing of those who have already entered into the spirit of sacrificial giving and have pledged to the present canvass as of **March 6th**.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Powers, Mrs. Alma Beck, Mrs. Loraine Brubaker, Mrs. Vernon Helton, Miss Donna Leversee, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Manley, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Russell, Mrs. H. M. Shulze, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, Mrs. Mary Wilhelm, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Alkire, Mr. and Mrs. John Baughman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boner, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Q. Campbell, Mr. R. F. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clendenen, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. John Cole, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cripe, Mr. and Mrs. Farlin Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie C. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Jim N. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hechler, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kattas, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Kern, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lehman, Mr. B. W. Leversee, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. John McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Munro, Mr. Sherman G. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Rayburn, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Truby, Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Warnock, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Bret R. Young. Next week's Tidings will carry the names of givers recorded since March 6.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Charles T. Paul, retired missionary and member, is critically ill.
Mrs. Eva Mosier is still confined to her home. She fell on ice several weeks ago.
Miss Anita Fitch is a patient in Parkview.
Don Coffman is suffering a sprained ankle.
Mr. Robert Keithley is a patient at Parkview Memorial.
Mrs. Ralph Egan is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.
Mrs. Homer Stevenson is a patient in the Lutheran Hospital.
Larry Horn is ill with Scarlet Fever.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Rehearsals each Thursday night, 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. Anyone who likes to sing, please come to practice. New voices are needed.

NEW BABY

A son, born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Benya, 908 Cass St. Mrs. Benya is a member of our church.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers for next Sunday are the gift of Mrs. Florence Munro in memory of her husband, R. B. Munro.

SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kernen, Sr. and Family, in the recent death of Mr. Kernen's Mother.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Come Double class will hold a party in the Gym on Saturday evening, March 12.

GREAT WELSH DINNER — FRIDAY, MARCH 18th

You are invited. Chas. Fuchshuber and Edw. Ashton have tickets.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M. Offertory: "I Find No Fault In Him"
 Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist Quartette: Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mrs. R. E. Cocherille, R. E. Cocherille, Frédéric Smell
 Anthem: "Lo, My Shepherd's Hand Divine" Hayden
 Miss Helen Flaig, Director
 Sermon: "Remedies for Discouragement" Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

C.Y.F. — 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

High School Choir practice at 5 o'clock.
 Junior Choir practice Wednesday at 4 P.M.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Executive will meet in the Chapel Monday afternoon, March 21 at 1:15 P.M. General meeting in the Church Parlor at 2 P.M. Worship by the Dye Circle. Gish Circle in charge of program. Subject, "Christian Women in World Leadership". Special music by Mrs. John Baughman and Mrs. Jack Kelly. Hospitality, McGavran Circle, Refreshments, Kepple Circle. The Nominating Committee will make a report.

Sacrificial Service on Palm Sunday evening, at 7:30 in the Sanctuary. The program, an Easter pageant entitled, "Easter Dawn in India". Music by the Sanctuary Choir; Solo by Miss Helen Flaig. Those taking part in the program are asked to be at the church Sunday afternoon, March 27 at 2:30 P.M. for rehearsal.

MEN'S FORUM

Due to the fact that Easter comes on the second Sunday of April, the Men's Forum will hold their monthly meeting on the third Sunday, April 17th.

PASTOR'S CLASS

Saturday Morning, 10:00 A.M.

The Pastor's Class continues this week. Additional children may register this Saturday. This will be the last Saturday for new pupils.

NOON LENTEN SERVICES

Our minister is speaker at the Chapel of St. John's E. and R. Church, Monday and Tuesday, March 21 and 22 at twelve o'clock noon.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Rehearsals each Thursday night, 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. Anyone who likes to sing, please come to practice. New voices are needed.

ON THE OTHER FOOT

The shoe frequently feels different on the other foot. Yet how few of us ever try it!

But it is one of the true Christian graces—looking at the situation from the standpoint of the other fellow—above all, looking at it from the standpoint of God.

Recently we ran across a suggestion made by Dr. Earle Jewell of St. Andrews Episcopal Church before a local men's group. He said—"Suppose tomorrow every wage earner in America was notified that his income for 1955 would be ten times what he gave to the Lord and his work in 1954. What would your income be?"

The Scriptures Speak

Scripture teaches that one-tenth of our income belongs to God. The tithe was mandatory in Old Testament times. Jesus never abrogated the law of the tithe. What he plead for was a generosity beyond the mere tithe.

We look at giving, and at the tithe, from the standpoint of man. "Can I afford it?" "What will I have to sacrifice if I give the tithe?" And we feel, most of us, that we can't afford to tithe.

Suppose, in the process of Divine bookkeeping, God took our gifts and multiplied them by ten in order to measure out our blessings? How high would you rate in the scale of God's beneficences?

Does God do this? Apparently not! If he did, the wicked would never prosper nor the righteous suffer. The poor widow who left two mites on the altar would be wealthy, while Dives would be begging alms on the street corner.

No, the answer to man's generosity is not in terms of immediate dollars and cents. Though God may keep books on you, you cannot keep books on God. "How unsearchable are His judgments, His ways past finding out"—so exclaimed Paul in his letter to the Romans.

But the simple word of Jesus still stands—"Give, and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, shall they give into your bosom. For with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured unto you." The Revised Standard Version points up the last verse—"For the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Perhaps the suggestion of Dr. Jewell is not so far out of line with our faith, after all. God does continually force us to put the shoe on the other foot, whether we like it or not. It may not be in dollars and cents, and that is the only language some of us seem to understand.

They Are All Happy

But if not there, then it is in the satisfactions of living. I have never known an unhappy tither. Some tithers believe they profit materially through giving a tenth to the church. Others do not use this as a test of their tithing. But whether they measure it by material gain or not, all the tithers I have ever known are happy in their giving and for two reasons:

1. Because they know they are being honest with God on at least one level of their lives. They have clear consciences. And the clear conscience always brings a happy heart. The unhappy are those who are troubled and disturbed within. Why not get rid of at least this one source of trouble—the uneasy conscience that knows it has withheld from God?

2. Tithers are happy because they have a sense of partnership with God. Let us illustrate. Two men form a business. They are partners. The one gives and receives, share and share alike. But the other is fitful in his contribution of time, talent, and money to the partnership. He does his part when he feels like it. He invests his share in the enterprise when it doesn't interfere with his family needs or his personal wants. Such a partnership is destined to go on the rocks.

It Is A Two-Way Street

Partnership between man and man is a two-way street. So is partnership between man and God. We can't cheat God, our partner, and expect to remain on the same terms as though we had done our part.

And all of this—that we receive in measure as we have given—was said so long ago by Malachi when he wrote, under the dictation of God—"Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse and prove me now, herewith, said the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Multiply your gift by ten and ask—"Is this all I can expect of God? And have I any right to expect more?"

—Warren Grafton

THE GREAT SUCCESS OF OUR CANVASS

The great success of the wonderful canvass we have made is not in the dollars pledged. This is important for it undergirds the financial obligations of the church and protects the half million dollar investment we have in our beautiful building and equipment.

The great success of the canvass has been the devoted leadership which has been revealed, the sacrificial way in which this leadership has invested their own time and money.

The great success of our Canvass is the glory and brightness that have been revealed in the life of our membership. Many have made gifts that were really sacrificial. Practically all who have pledged have been happy for the opportunity. Some pledges have been significant. One elderly lady, whose resources are indeed small, wrote a beautiful letter to her pastor saying she loved the church and she wanted her minister to know this. In amount her weekly gift is small, but in sharing, it is one of the big gifts of the Canvass.

Every Member should have a share however small, ten cents from a boy or girl, a quarter from an old person whose earning power is gone is very worthy. We like the results. The Canvass pledges run from \$50.00 a week to .10 or .25. It is inclusive. It is democratic. We think it is Christian.

It is Christ who gives the victory. And the expression of the spirit of Christ in our Canvass assures a great future to the Church.

Do not miss this opportunity. Let it be recorded that when your Church called, in the spirit of Christ and in love of His Church you answered heartily.

OUR CHURCH CONTINUES TO GROW

Mr. and Mrs. L. Max Finkhousen, Roger Parkerson, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Finnell, Jane Finnell, Lary Gresham, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin S. Gresham, Mr. Donald C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Farlin Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hook, Mr. and Mrs. David Martin, and Vincent and Warren Harman, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harman, Co-chairman Couple, have come forward recently. We have received the letter of Mr. Harry E. Wilson, which with Mrs. Wilson, unites another home in our church. **A cordial welcome to each one.**

ATTITUDE

Whenever you go out of doors, draw the chin in, carry the crown of the head high, and fill the lungs to the upmost; drink in the sunshine; greet your friends with a smile, and put soul into every hand-clasp.

Do not fear being misunderstood; and never waste a minute thinking about your enemies. Try to fix firmly in your mind what you would like to do, and then without violence of direction you will move straight to the goal.

Keep your mind on the great and splendid things you would like to do; and then, as the days go gliding by you will find yourself unconsciously seizing upon the opportunities that are required for the fulfillment of your desire, just as the coral insect takes from the running tide the elements it needs.

Picture in your mind the able, earnest, useful person you desire to be, and the thought you hold is hourly transforming you into that particular individual.

Thought is supreme. Preserve a right mental attitude — the attitude of courage, frankness and good cheer. To think rightly is to create.

All things come through desire, and every sincere prayer is answered. We become like that on which our hearts are fixed.

—Elbert Hubbard

FOOLISH PARENTS

Thinking that three hours of any movie are harmless for the child, but that two hours of church and church school are just too much for his nervous system is just bad thinking.

Letting him listen to several hours of radio thrillers a day with no time for one short prayer and a few Bible verses is criminal unbalance.

Being careful that Junior has his week day lessons, but caring not that he knows not his church school lessons make for spiritual illiteracy.

Saying that child must make his own decisions as to whether or not he should go to church or as to what church, is shirking parental responsibility.

When father spends Sunday morning in mowing the lawn, cleaning the garage, washing the car, tending the garden, or playing golf, his sons are left to walk alone. "Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

—Copied

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SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Mr. Jack Kelly and family in the death of his grandfather.

FORBEARANCE

Begin the morning by saying to thyself, I shall meet with the busy-body, the ungrateful, arrogant, deceitful, envious, unsocial. All these things happen to them by reason of their ignorance of what is good and evil. But I who have seen the nature of the good, that it is beautiful, and of the bad that it is ugly, and the nature of him who does wrong, that it is akin to me, not only of the same blood, but that it participates in the same intelligence and the same portion of divinity. I can neither be injured by any of them, nor can I be angry with my kinsman nor hate him. For we are made for cooperation, like feet, like hands. To act against one another, then, is contrary to nature.

The best way of avenging thyself is not to become like the wrongdoer.

Men exist for the sake of one another. Teach them, then, or bear with them.

—Marcus Aurelius.

SACRIFICIAL GIVERS TO THIS CANVASS—Continued

Mr. and Mrs. George Dicks, David A. Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Yoquelet, Mr. and Mrs. Maro Bolinger, Miss Ruth Burris, Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Flaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Howell, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jefferies, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johns, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Mr. Preston H. Somers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hugh Tracey, Mrs. Ethel Akers, Mrs. Ethel Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Allen, Mrs. Maud Baughman, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bowers, Miss Ruby Boxell, Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Brudi, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Buchanan, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter, Mrs. Maurice Casey, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coar, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cocherille, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dailey, Mrs. R. E. Douglas, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Max Finkhausen, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Finnell, Mr. and Mrs. D. Clyde Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Gaskill, Mrs. Mack Gaunt, Mrs. Esther Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Herr, Mr. Robert Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hook, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Horn, Mrs. Harry Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Kean, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerns, Jr., Mrs. Oscar Kiefer, Mr. and Mrs. George King, Mr. and Mrs. Meldren Kreps, Mrs. Wm. LaPointe, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Lear, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ledbetter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Linn, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Love, Mr. J. J. McCarel, Miss Eunice McClymonds, Mrs. G. B. Martin, Mrs. Mary Martindale, Mr. and Mrs. John Menke, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moffit, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Mrs. E. R. Moser, Miss Dorothy Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert North, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pennington, Mrs. Alpha Piercy, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Plummer, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pond, Mr. and Mrs. James Presnell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl, Mrs. Harold Redman, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Roush, Miss Lenore Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sands, Mrs. L. N. Sapp, Miss Edna Saxon, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Mrs. Harold Simmers, Mr. and Mrs. George Skelton, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Smelser, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dale Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Staley, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stigers, Mrs. E. C. Tatman, Mrs. Merl Teeters, Mrs. Maude Thurman, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Uhl, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vought, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vernard, Mr. and Mrs. Gorden Welker, Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull. (Continued next week).



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"Evening star up yonder
Teach me like you to wander
Willingly and obediently
The path God ordained for me!
Evening star up yonder!"

This stanza from a Danish folk song is well fitted to start our thinking as we try to develop our personal spiritual life. It is a great discovery when we find shadowed or duplicated in the material world about us God's great purposes, and plans. Happy is the man who discovers God's plan for his own life.

When rightly observed Sunday morning worship in church is God's opportunity to reveal His plan to you.

This Sunday make it a must to be in the Church Worship Service.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 15:25 A.M. Offertory Duet: "Behold My Savior
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist Now Is Taken" Bach

Mrs. J. E. Weicker and Mrs. R. E. Cocherille
Anthem: "Listen To The Lambs" Dett

Miss Helen Flaig, Director
Preacher: Our Pastor

Sermon: "Not By Law"

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

C.Y.F. 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

High School Choir practice at 5 o'clock. Mrs. John Baughman, Director.

Junior Choir practice Wednesday at 4 P.M. Mrs. Jack Kelly, Director.

NOON LENTEN SERVICES

Our minister is speaker at the Chapel of St. John's E. and R. Church, Monday and Tuesday, March 28 and 29, at twelve o'clock Noon.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Rehearsals each Thursday night 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. Anyone who likes to sing, please come to practice. New voices are needed. Mrs. Helen Flaig, director.

PASTOR'S CLASS

Saturday morning 10:00 A.M.
The Pastor's Class continues this week.

Businessmen Want To Correct Unethical Business Practices

American business is in an ethical dilemma about which more and more businessmen are becoming concerned. Firing the widespread interest, says Dr. Cameron Hall, is a popular pocket edition book, *Ethics in a Business Society*, being sold on newsstand across the nation.

Dr. Cameron, who directs a department on economic life for the National Council of Churches, says business has increased its interest in Christian principles in just the last two years especially. More and more church people, he adds, are convinced that Christian principles can be applied on business days as well as Sundays, and if it is to be done, they must take the lead.

Making his statement in connection with Church and Economic Life Week, Jan. 16-22, Dr. Hall mentioned three

other causes of increasing interest in business ethics. One reason is the widely publicized National Council of Churches statement on "Basic Christian Principles and Assumptions for Economic Life." Another is the effect of the World Council of Churches conclusions reached at Evanston, Ill., last summer on problems of Christians in their daily work. Also, women have learned in church study groups that their economic interests are important to the nation.

East Tokyo Institute

East Tokyo Institute, the only hospital operated by the Disciples of Christ in Japan, gave 82,966 treatments of all kinds in 1953, according to latest figures compiled by The United Christian Missionary Society. Located in the congested Asakusa slum district, the hospital and clinic gave nearly 17,000 more treatments than in the previous year.

The waiting line in the reception room of East Tokyo Institute Hospital in Japan is always crowded. This Christian mission medical center ministers in a large low-class city area.





The home mission church and parsonage serving French Acadians at Mamou, La. is a United Christian Missionary Society Project. The congregational membership Dec. 31, 1954, was 108.

French Acadian Mission Marks 40 Years Service

The Disciples of Christ mission to French Acadians in south-central Louisiana will mark 40 years of service on June 6. Of eight churches founded by 1938, the Christian Church at Mamou remains the only center still requiring subsidy from The United Christian Missionary Society. Other churches have been transferred to their congregations as they have matured to self-support.

Rev. John Newman, pastor of the Mamou church, is himself a "product" of the mission which evangelist Evariste Hebert began in 1915. Mr. Newman also conducts a radio pulpit every week over station KSIG at Crowley and is a noted evangelist throughout the state. Employed as a home missionary of the United Society, he helped other mission churches grow to be self-supporting.

Immortalized in Henry W. Longfellow's poem "Evangeline," the French Acadians were exiled from their native Nova Scotia for political reasons by Great Britain in 1760. Settling along the bayous of the French Louisiana Territory, they were barred from American progress by language, isolation and neglect. Finally in the 1930s, Governor Huey Long led an Americanization program. In addition, the Acadians now number over 350,000 and are mostly laborers and rice and cane farmers.

The Disciples mission has developed the religious, moral and cultural phases of life among this unique people, and although the Mamou church still worships in French and is expected to stay a mission center, the church at Sulphur has recently come to be an English language, self-sustaining congregation.

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WORLD CONVENTION

If you have never been to Canada, now is the time to plan such a visit. The Fifth World Convention of our Brotherhood will be held in Toronto, August 16-21 of this year. The month of August is a good time to go north in order to escape the summer heat. Why not plan to take your vacation before or after the Convention? Take the entire family. A special Convention program is being planned daily for the children 14 years of age and under, from 9:30 to 5:00 P.M. in buildings near the Maple Leaf Gardens.

EASTER PAGEANT

"Easter Dawn in India" is being presented by the women of the Christian women's Fellowship on Sunday evening, April 3rd at 7:30 P.M. This is the annual Sacrificial Service. The offering is for Missions. The first rehearsal will be next Sunday afternoon, March 27, at 2:30 P.M. Please be present.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mrs. Ruth Braun is still a patient in Parkview.
Mr. Harvey M. Smelser is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.
Mrs. Verl Pribble recently suffered a broken arm.
Mrs. Forrest Finnell is a patient in Room 405, Parkview.
Mrs. Herbert Banet is in room 368, Lutheran Hospital.

NOTES

The Y.W.C.A. will hold their Centennial Pageant on Sunday, March 27 at 2:30 P.M. at North Side High School. Admission is free and public is cordially invited.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers last Sunday were the gift of Mrs. Robert T. Beck, given in memory of her mother, Mrs. Charles B. Bromley. See Mrs. Don C. Smith for your Sunday.

SACRIFICIAL GIVERS TO THE CANVASS (Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Marquart, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kinzie, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Gresham, Miss Sharon Richhart, Mrs. C. R. Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Van Alstine, Mrs. Ethel Richhart, Mrs. Leo Miller, Miss Carole Truby, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Paddock, Mrs. Fred Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Koomler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jefferson Young, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mrs. Irene Hamman, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Miss Mildred Hartman, Mrs. Edna Mapel, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nordblom, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sarrazin, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Eddleman, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Cook, Mrs. Everett Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Betz, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Mote, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. Olos G. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Hall, Mrs. Clover Branstrator, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Ripple, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Vunora, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yentes, Leonard E. Goode, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kernen, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Merriman, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ashton, Dr. and Mrs. F. O. Mackel.

A SALUTE TO OUR CANVASS WORKERS AND OFFICERS

Under the Slogan "We Grow by Giving" our canvass organization led our church to a great victory. Herman W. Sigrist, General Chairman, William Olsen, Canvass Committee Chairman; Alexander M. Campbell, Initial Gifts Chairman; Sherman G. Myers, Special Gifts Chairman; John Merrill, Teams Chairman; William Tracey was head of Division "A" with Charles Fuchshuber, John Cole, Max Smith, Jim Griffin, and Harold Jackson as Captains. Division "B" was headed by Bret Young with Grayston Cripe, Don C. Smith, Glenn R. Miller, Powell Rayburn and William Caldwell as Captains.

Canvassers were: George Dicks, R. Blaine Jones, Kenneth Kern, Carl Thomas, Robert Carson, Bert Leversee, Gene Munro, Thomas Yoder, Clayton Yoquelet, Robert Boner, Paul Clendenen, Robert Hendricks, Ernest Kattas, Hoyt Campbell, Charles Hobbs, Leslie Green, David Griggs, Paul Truby, D. E. Coffman, Arthur Lyon, Verlin Warnock, Jack Weicker, Lowell Alkire, John Baughman, John Hechler.

Sherman G. Myers has been appointed Monitor. L. C. Green, Chairman of the Follow-up Committee, Bret R. Young, Chairman of the Collections Committee.



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PALM SUNDAY

There is something gloriously moving in singing praises to God.

The first Palm Sunday is described in Holy Writ. The words are few, but telling. Garments were spread on the road. Branches were taken from the trees and spread on the road. Crowds went before Him. Crowds followed after Him. Jews knew how to sing like our Welch brethren—and they sang the Hosanna Chorus. Ever hear 100 Welchmen sing? Ever hear a Jewish Choir? What would a hundred, five hundred, a thousand Jews, sound like praising God—The City was stirred. "Who is this?" they said—"Who is this Man riding on a donkey? Who brings forth such music of hope?"

The trip has not ended. Through the centuries He goes! What hosannas! Into the cities! But his destination is the hearts of men. Dare we ignore. Dare we crucify Him in the 20th Century way by indifference and cruel synicism. How dare you ignore Him who alone can bring safety to bomb-threatened cities and peace to a terrified world, and salvation to all mankind.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Towel Bells 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist.

Offertory: "A King In His Glory"

Junior Choir, Mrs. Jack Kelly, Director

Anthem: "Praise" by Rowbery

Sanctuary Choir, Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Preacher: Our Pastor

Sermon: "Into A New World"

All Three Choirs will sing on Palm Sunday Morning.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Procession of the Palms by the Children at 10:20 A.M. and will return to class rooms.

C.Y.F. — 5:30 to 7:00 P.M.

The Young people are asked to bring a sack lunch. Strip Film with Records will be shown depicting the "Last Week in the Life of Christ", "The Last Supper" and "Gethsemane". An unusually fine program is planned and we urge all young people to be present.

Youth Choir rehearsal at 4:30 to 5:30 P.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

April 7th at 7:30 P.M.

In dramatic order, litany, music, the story of the Last Supper will be told and celebrated in traditional candlelight.

Beautiful music by the Sanctuary Choir supplemented by congregational singing and responses will mark this service.

Miss Helen Flaig will direct the Sanctuary choir who will offer special music at this service.

New Area in Paraguay Promises Great Results

Yhu, former capital of the department of Caaguazu, Paraguay, is judged by missionary Ralph Adams to be in an area promising great results for future evangelism. Since losing the seat of state government to Coronel Oviedo years ago, Yhu has been semi-isolated and stymied from development. However, it is the center of a rich, though little developed, agricultural area.

Mr. Adams discovered the potential of Yhu a few months ago while there to counsel a family that was inquiring into Christianity. He also held public showings of projected pictures of the life of Christ. Sr. Bonafacio Barretto, elder of the Coronel Oviedo church, accompanied Mr. Adams.

Yhu is 100 kilometers north of Coronel Oviedo. When a good road is put through connecting it to southern market cities, Mr. Adams predicts, the area will have an important economic and population revival. In anticipation, he



From a statue of Coronel Oviedo, Ralph Adams surveys town named for Paraguay hero.

Srta. Ermelinda Rodriguez, "product" of the Paraguay mission and former Colegio Internacional pupil, now teaches first grade there.



adds, "We want to be there even before the road is open to begin the foundation for the church of our Lord."

Church People Asked to Help Ex-Offenders Rebuild Useful Lives

Persons released from prisons will get help on the "road back" to normal life by the National Council of Churches. The NCC points out that even after imprisonment has paid the debt, an ex-offender is generally rejected by society and singled out by laws. Church leaders and experts on prison and parole problems are working out details for the NCC aid which will include educating church people to understand ex-offenders.

CWFF Climbs Toward Goal for Missions

With only about three months to go, it looks like Christian church young people are in earnest to surpass the \$100,000 goal of the Christian World Friendship Fund this year. CWFF goes for missions and Christian education and is entirely supported by youth in the churches of the United States and Canada. The Dec. 31, 1954, semi-annual total reached \$29,156.13.

Coupled with area rallies, summer camps and conferences and a "go-and-see" tour to Jamaica, Puerto Rico and other Caribbean islands this summer, young people are in perhaps their most challenging and successful year of aiding missions and Christian education. If the CWFF goal is raised, it will mean that young people will entirely pay for brotherhood mission work in Orissa, India, for the year other than salaries. They will also support two home missions ministers at All Peoples Church and Community Center in Los Angeles.

Armed Forces Recreation

American Protestant churches, military chaplains and the Japan National Christian Council are creating seven off-base recreation and cultural centers for American personnel in Japan.

New Disciples of Christ Mission Movie in Color

Striking scenes of Buddhist priests in pagan temple rites in Thailand are features of contrast with Christian missions in the new color motion picture "Where the New Day Dawns." The excellent photography of Toge Fujihira and a superior narrative also sweep a contrast in the Philippines that includes the influential radio ministry of Rev. Aurelio de Castro. In Japan, the land of the rising sun, the film portrays the conflict of ideals and culture of a girl studying at Joshi Seigakuin. In 30 swift minutes, "Where the New Day Dawns" is an appealing travelogue of missions.

MCI Promotes Personal Betterment by Books

Mexican Christian Institute promotes reading among the people of its community in San Antonio, Texas. A mission institution of the Disciples of Christ, MCI had 49 scheduled activities and attendances totalling 89,713 its past fiscal year.

The MCI library has 4,000 volumes and 500 pamphlets covering subjects of entertainment, culture, and personal and family improvement. A big section is devoted to Christian religion and Protestantism. It is interesting that religious books are popular with the children and religious motion pictures preferred by the boys to comic books.



Serving Spanish-speaking Americans in San Antonio, MCI is a Christian welfare mission.

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NOTES

Dale Hiler, Jr., was elected President of the "Wash-A-Babe Mit" Junior Achievement Company. His Company won second place in the United States Textile Division; won third place in Junior Achievements of Fort Wayne. The Christian Education Committee will meet Thursday, March 31 at 7:30 P.M. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly are in Florida.

NEW BABIES IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Banet.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Timbrook are proud grandparents of the grandson born recently.

AMONG OUR SICK

Little Ann Morrical is at home sick with measles.

Mrs. H. W. Sigrist has been quite ill, for several days, at her home.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

Sponsored by Christian Women's Fellowship

Sunday Evening, April 3, at 7:30 P.M.

The Program, "Easter Dawn in India" is being presented. Those taking part in the program are: Mrs. Charles Dare, Mrs. Robert T. Beck, Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey, Mrs. John Merrill, Mrs. Phillip Uhl, Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Mrs. Dale Hiler, Mr. Hugh Rice, Mr. F. E. Morrical. Miss Helen Flaig will sing, "He Was Despised" by Handel. The Sanctuary Choir will sing with Mrs. Robert Scott at the organ. Mrs. T. R. Eiler, Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mrs. Irene Cline, and Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse will serve as Ushers. Everyone is invited

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

April 3	—	Dale Parkerson	—	David Griggs
10	—	Wilbur Whinery	—	B. W. Leversae
17	—	Harold Crowder	—	Gail Roe
24	—	Floyd Morrical	—	Eppie Baker

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Captain, Delmas Young, A-16500; M. F. Markoetter, H. H. Stevenson, Powell A. Rayburn, Rolland Ripple, Allen Garee, Kenneth Kern, Leslie Green, Charles Staley, Ralph Richard, Arthur Lyon, William Caldwell, Wm. Vunora. If unable to serve please call your Captain.

COMMITTEES FOR APRIL

Dr. Frederick O. Mackel, Mr. Ernest Pond, Pastor's Committee.

Miss Ruby Boxell, Chairman for April, Women's Hospitality Commission.

Mrs. John Hechler, Deaconess for April.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lehman, Co-Chairman for April.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, 221 W. Maple Grove, Tuesday, April 5, at 1:30 P.M. An Easter program is being prepared.

The Dye Circle meeting is being postponed from First Wednesday to Second Wednesday due to Holy Week.

The Gish and Kepple Circle are meeting together on Tuesday, April 5, at 1:30, in the Church Parlor. Following a short business session, the program will be presented at 2:15. Mrs. L. E. Miller, Guest speaker, will speak on, "Elsie Kim, Korean Missionary". Devotions will be given by Mrs. H. W. Sigrist.

The Nelson Circle will meet with Mrs. Robert Hendricks, 319 W. Oakdale Drive on Wednesday, April 6 at 8 P.M.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. J. M. Miller, 1517 Runnion Avenue, Friday, April 1, at 8 P.M.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our deep sympathy to Mrs. Ethel Richhart, Sharon Richhart and Mr. J. J. McCarel, in the recent loss of son, Donald Richhart.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Robert Working in the recent loss of her father, Mr. Joe Huddleston of 12 Mile, Indiana.

PASTOR'S CLASS — FINAL SESSION

Saturday morning 10:00 A.M.

The Pastor's Class continues this week.



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EASTER SUNDAY

THE MOST REVEALING TEST OF A MAN

Do you want to know the most revealing, the severest test of a man—and a woman, too? It is that force, conviction or power to compel oneself to do one's duty. This is the patriot's virtue, the warrior's mark of destruction—to see hard, stern, cold duty and the face of it, walk right through it. To do or die in the attempt. There are hours when the bright and guiding stars of Love, Hope and Faith glow dimly or are overcast, if they are not lost behind threatening clouds. In such hours Duty takes over—When friends absent themselves, when interest cools, when doubt attacks, when obstacles increase, when others quit, then the stern voice of Duty gives command. If at such times, in such crises, you march breast forward, my brother, you are a real man!

Christ faced His duty on Maundy Thursday. He, with God's help met the test. Can you meet this test. Have you done it? Yes, Duty may be cold—hard—cruel—But the real person obeys, saves a great cause, or if Christ, saves mankind. How do you rate? By this test.

MORNING WORSHIP

First Service — 8 o'clock

Second Service — 10:30 o'clock

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells—10:25 A.M.
7:55 A.M. and 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Anthem: "He Is Risen" Harker

Sanctuary Choir. Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Soloist

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Sermon: "The Resurrection of Christ and His Church"

Offertory: "Consider the Lilies"
MacPrail—Junior Choir

Offertory: "At the End of the Sabbath"
High School Choir—Speaks

Solo: "Arise, O Lord" Hoffmeister

Mr. Robert E. Cocherille, Soloist

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Easter Offering will be taken. Let every class meet its goals in attendance and offerings.



Judson Cross Hall, the main dormitory for women students at Tougaloo Southern Christian College, also houses the college bookstore and the lounge-snack bar for students.

TSCC Extra-curriculars Add to Education

Outside of studies, Tougaloo Southern Christian College stresses organizations that add to education received in classrooms. Whenever student interest

warrants, extra-curricular groups supplement academic study. At the Tougaloo, Miss., college, there are also cultural, social, athletic and religious clubs. TSCC is the newest United Christian Missionary Society home mission institution.

—News in Brief—

In Nakon Pathom, Thailand, three missionary families are giving rooms and meals in their homes for pupils who left home to attend the mission school.

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The national United Church Women gave a luncheon in November for women delegates to the United Nations. Held in New York City, over 1,000 women attended. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt spoke.

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The American Bible Society has orders for 125,000 complete Bibles a year for the Armed Forces. These are provided free. It also publishes braille and phonograph record editions for blinded veterans.

Foreign Missions Tour Returns in April

The first 'round-the-world air tour of Christian Church missions ends in New York City early the morning of April 21 after an overnight flight from London, England. Nine persons on the tour left Los Angeles on Feb. 21.

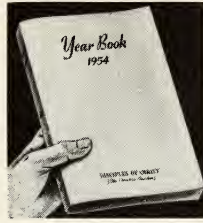
The tour, sponsored by The United Christian Missionary Society, made stops in Hawaii, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand and India, also at Hong Kong, the Holy Land, Rome, Paris and Geneva, Switzerland. Several tour members are remaining in Europe for awhile and returning to the United States later.

Businessmen Will Get A Dollar a Year To Help Church Men

For salaries of one dollar a year, three businessmen have joined the United Christian Missionary Society staff to work in the nationwide program for Christian Church men. They are J. B. Dennis, Atlanta, Ga.; Larry J. Brandon, Auburn, Ind.; and Lloyd Hawiger, Cherokee, Okla.

Three men have been reappointed. They are Lewis J. Ackers, Abilene, Texas; W. B. Pearce, Shreveport, La.; and Pam White, Jacksonville, Fla.

These additions place 12 men on the dollar-a-year field staff of the Christian Men's Fellowship, according to W. H. McKinney, national director. While continuing their businesses, these men devote much of their time to serving men's groups in Christian Churches across the continent.



Yearbook of Church Progress

Members of Christian Churches are discovering that using the 1954 *Yearbook* of the Disciples of Christ gives brief and clear facts for keeping informed on developments among Christian Churches. It contains progress reports of agencies serving Christian Churches and reporting to the International Convention.

Subjects in the *Yearbook* include missions, Christian education, church-related colleges, homes for children and retired persons, interchurch cooperation, church construction and many other topics of great importance to church life.

The 1954 *Yearbook* sold 2,300 copies before it was published and available three months ago. Already it is in many church and personal libraries.



Happy church people look over their impressive church building dedicated recently at Quezon City near Manila in the Philippines.

Ex-missionary Compares

"I was thrilled with the chapels," exclaims Miss Velva Dreese of her four months this past year in the Philippine Islands. The assistant executive secretary of the Christian Women's Fellowship department of The United Christian Missionary Society, she was a missionary there from 1927 to 1932.

Although many churches in the Philippines are self-supporting, have Filipino pastors and attractive new chapels, Miss Dreese says that even older, inadequate sanctuaries have inspiring worship centers today, something unknown two decades ago.

Church women's groups are developing effectively, Miss Dreese says, adding the whole Church is growing there.

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5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

High School Choir practice at 5 P.M. Mrs. John Baughman, Director.
C.Y.F. Meeting from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. Study, Worship and Recreation.
Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Young will be in charge.

MEN'S FORUM

The Men's Forum meeting will be held on Sunday evening, April 17th.

EASTER LILIES

Those wishing to send lilies for the Sanctuary Easter morning should have them at the Church not later than Saturday morning.

CHOIRS

The Junior Choir will practice on Wednesday afternoon at 4 P.M.
The Sanctuary choir will meet for practice on Thursday, 7:30 P.M.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. Wm. C. Robinson, 2602½ South Hanna Street, Monday evening, April 11, at 8 o'clock. Program by Miss Pearl Heidecker, Worship by Mrs. Don C. Smith.
Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. George Bruckman, 5022 Reed Street, on Tuesday, April 12 at 8 o'clock. Mrs. L. M. Culbertson, assistant hostess.
The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. M. S. Kreps, 4713 Spatz, Monday, April 11 at 7:45 P.M. Program by Mrs. Wm. Tracey, Devotions by Mrs. Irene Cline.
The Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Eural G. Rose, 4001 Arlington Ave., on Wednesday, April 13 at 1:30 P.M. Program by Mrs. L. A. Horn, assisted by Mrs. Dale Hiler. Devotions by Mrs. John Baughman.

NEW BABY IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A little daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim N. Griffin March 31, 1955.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Robert Kernen, Sr. is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.
Mrs. McIntyre, a friend of the church and a member of Come Double Class, is ill in Lutheran Hospital.
Mrs. Mallie Reidt is still shut-in due to illness at her home, 915 Monroe Street.
We are happy to report that Little Rita Roe is well again after having a bout with measles.
Mrs. Charles T. Paul is still a patient in Parkview Memorial Hospital.

RUMMAGE SALE

The C.W.F. Rummage Sale will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12 and 13 at 2028 South Hanna Street. Mrs. Martin Wagner is chairman. Please take your rummage to the room on Monday evening. If you do not have a way to get it there, you may bring it to the church before Monday.

We urge the Group Leaders to arrange for pick-up in their Circles.

SIMEON SAYS

The church is full of willing folks of all ages.
When you shake 'em down a bit they fall into two classes—
Them that's willing to work and them that's willing to let them.

—Colorado Springs Paper

CHURCH BUILDING FUND CANVASS

To date \$95,157.50 in new pledges, \$9,388.00 in continuing old pledges. Total \$106,445.50 in pledges to the Building. A number have not been seen. These will increase the total. Real appreciation to Canvass Workers and our fine membership which made this possible.



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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Our Lenten experience has been a great demonstration of the strength and loyalty of our people. Financially our people came forward for our Building Fund.

Pledges to be paid in the next 150 weeks exceed \$106,000, the largest sum in our church history. In the last months from Winter to Easter 59 new members have been received, 28 of these have been baptized. There are some unusually fine, dedicated, earnest and influential people in this group. The Church will long be blessed by this great influx.

Our Easter offering for all causes from all sources gave deposits of over \$2,000. Our choirs gave glorious Easter music to great congregations. All this points to progress ahead. We must rise to new spiritual levels. We need faith instead of threats. With compassion and understanding we must set our faces toward the rising sun for the greater day. Loyally—regularly—attend church. Support the church regularly so your church can meet her obligations promptly. Pray for your Church and its leadership that the spirit of Christ may be felt, and love the Church that the world may believe and follow our Lord.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.	Offertory Solo: "The Stranger of Galilee", Morris—Mrs. L. R. Mote, Soloist
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist	Anthem: "Cherubim Song"—Bortniansky
	Miss Helen Flaig, Director
Sermon: "The Right Questions"	Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

May 20 - 21 - 22

Reserve these dates, if you are interested in strengthening the leadership of our church and Church School. Mr. Clyde Haney, Mr. Johnson and Miss Bessie Myers of Indianapolis will conduct an institute for our church.

C. Y. F.

Spring Young Peoples Conference Kendallville.
C.Y.F., Chi Rho, Young Adults meet at Church at 1:30 p.m.

MEN'S FORUM — 5 to 7 P.M. — Dinner Meeting — Sunday, April 17, 1955

Detective Sgt. Chester E. Ricketts, of Fort Wayne Police Department will be the guest speaker at the Men's Forum, Sunday evening, April 17. His subject: "Narcotics". Food Committee: John Merrill, Chairman, Hoyt Campbell, Harold Stigers, and Bret Young. Group singing will be enjoyed. Jack M. Kelly, President.

Youth Tourists to be Missionaries for a Week

Young people going on the church tour to Caribbean Sea islands this summer will both "see and do." For the week in Puerto Rico and ten days in Jamaica, the tourists will travel and also help missionaries in work projects.

The tour takes off from Miami, Fla., international airport June 22 returning July 14 with a day each in Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic and the Virgin Islands. In Puerto Rico, the group will live at McLean Conference Grounds and in Jamaica at Kingston.

Tour director Charles C. Mills, commenting on reservations being made, says one church is paying the way of a young person as its "go-and-see missionary" and some parents are giving the tour as graduation gifts to their high school seniors. District church groups, Christian Men's Fellowships



On the youth missions tour last summer, international CYF president Paul Crow talks with the ancient Toltec rain god Quetzalcoatl at a temple north of Mexico City.

and Christian Women's Fellowships have also sponsored youth.

The tour is part of the Christian Church program for high school and older youth and is arranged by The United Christian Missionary Society. In addition to Mr. Mills, a "tour mother" will accompany the group, and no foreign language is needed for this fourth annual tour, the first to the islands and the first by airplane.

—News in Brief—

The Columbia Broadcasting System's "Church of the Air" featured University Place Christian Church, Champaign, Ill., on radio Sunday morning, Feb. 6.

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Ernest A. Gross, former U. S. ambassador to the United Nations, is the new chairman of the National Council of Churches' department of international affairs.

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Christian Churches helped form the Wyoming Council of Churches, the nation's 41st state interchurch council.



NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK
MAY 1-8 1955

American Communities Overseas Are Served By Protestant Churches

In 35 countries, more than 70 interdenominational Union Protestant Churches now serve an estimated 25,000 Americans and other English-speaking non-nationals. The congregations range in size from the largest church, at Caracas, Venezuela, with 810 persons to the smallest, at Santa Barbara, Isle of Pines, Cuba, with 25.

Dr. Robbins W. Barstow, head of the Department of American Communities Overseas of the National Council of Churches, points out that nearly all these churches are self-supporting and use about 14 per cent of their incomes for benevolent causes. The NCC gives aid primarily in securing ministers and supplying materials. Six churches began last year and about 1,200 adult members were added to overseas rolls.

Argentinian to Texas

A graduate of Colegio Ward at Buenos Aires, Argentina, is studying this year at the University of Texas at Austin. He is Ariel Jose Thomann who graduated with high recommendation from the well-known mission school.

Mr. Thomann received a Good Neighbor Scholarship granted by the university and received transportation to the United States on a travel scholarship of the Williams Foundation in Buenos Aires. He entered the University of Texas last September.

Dr. Fred Aden, director of Colegio Ward, recommended the former pupil as "an unusually qualified young man in both mind and character" and a worthy representative of the mission school.

Corpron Doctors Yakimas

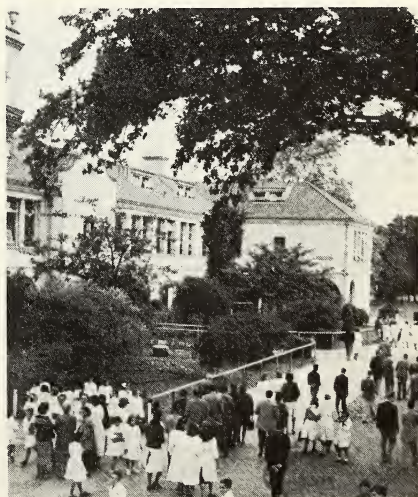
For six years, Dr. Douglas Corpron, Yakima, Wash., physician, has voluntarily held a clinic every Saturday afternoon for Indians on the nearby Yakima reservation. The clinic is held at the Yakima Indian Christian Mission, a Christian Church institution near White Swan, Wash.

Over the years, Dr. Corpron has gained the confidence of more and more superstitious Indians. One mother took her child 180 miles to have Dr. Corpron treat it for severe skin burns.

Convention Will Honor Sunday School Founder

The 23rd International Sunday School Convention, July 27-31, in Cleveland, O., will celebrate the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Sunday School movement by Robert Raikes in England.

Colegio Ward, Christian mission school at Buenos Aires, Argentina, ranks as one of the outstanding schools in the whole nation.
—Black Star Photo



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WORLD CONVENTION

The Toronto World Convention is to be a family Convention. Parents are urged to bring their children along. Arrangements are being made for a splendid children's program. Children 14 years of age and under, will be cared for. The program will include a Daily Vacation Bible School, corporate worship, directed play, motion pictures and trips to the Zoo. The children will be cared for by expert nurses, leaders and teachers from 9:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. daily on August 17-18-19-20. The registration fee for the four days, which includes a daily lunch, is \$7.50 per child. If you desire to register your child or children for this program, send name (or names), age (or ages), address and fee to—Mr. H. G. Holloway, 320 Lesley Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. He is the registrar of the World Convention.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The C.W.F. will hold their Executive meeting next Monday evening, in the Chapel at 7:15 P.M.

The General meeting will be at 8 P.M. in the Church Parlor. Election of Officers, and a short business session. The Montgomery Circle is in charge of worship and the fellowship Guild will present the program. The Film, "The Village of the Poor" will be shown. Special music by Mrs. S. E. Merriman, accompanied by Mrs. Donald Smith. This interesting program is worthy of a fine attendance. We urge the Circle leaders to contact their members and invite them to be present. Item of Interest: We had better than \$30 in our Sacrificial Offering on Palm Sunday Evening.

C.W.F. SPRING INSTITUTE

The C.W.F. Spring Institute for District No. 1, will be held at Church of Christ, Kendallville, Indiana on Friday, April 22. Luncheon will be served by the Host church. **All our women are urged to attend.** Get your reservation in to Mrs. Vaught by next Monday as reservations for the luncheon must be sent in at that time. Talk up this meeting and let us have a record number attending April 22.

BOARD OF ELDERS

A meeting of the Board of Elders is being called for next Sunday afternoon, April 17 at 4:30 P.M. Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber, chairman.

A WORD OF THANKS

Mrs. Forrest Finnell wishes to thank all her friends in the church for their expressions of good wishes and cheery greetings she received during her recent illness.

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION

Our State Convention is to be held at Richmond, May 15, 16, 17. A goal of 60 registrants from our church has been set. Pre-registration fee for adults \$1.00; for youth 50c. Please get your registration fee in to the office before May 1st. We should have a good representation from this Church. Are You Going?

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Young Ted Goebel was a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Miss **Bonnie Fusselman** who has gained fine recognition as a Senior at Central High School. Good wishes for honors and success in years ahead at college.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Come Double Class will have a Bowling party at Berry Lanes on Saturday, April 16 at 7:30 P.M. Following the bowling, the class will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kelly, 315 W. Foster Parkway for business and social meeting.

HONOR and PRAISE

To Mr. **Herman W. Sigrist** who, on the First of May, will deliver the President's address at the National Convention of Auctioneers of which he is the president. Seldom does it come to a man to be National President of his professional or business group.

MAN NAMED PETER

This movie at Clyde is recommended to our membership.



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MANY, MANY GOOD CHRISTIANS

Once there was a good man who cried out to God, "Behold I only am left." And then God had to show him how many good people remained. We marvel at how good people are—and we marvel at the number of good people everywhere. Do not excuse yourself by thinking that so many are evil, but rather try to make yourself worthy of the vast number of real Christians. Next Sunday enter this choice fellowship.

Once "the Yanks" had been fighting fiercely in deep tangled woods. They saw only the difficulties, dangers, and death. Lonely, they felt the heaviest burdens were falling on them. Then all at once, a vast arc of our soldiers burst out of the forest and they saw the enemy running in panic, before them. Our men were astonished at the number of faithful men fighting valiantly. Our world is full of faithful Christians. Come commune next Sunday in the noble fellowship of loyal Souls.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M. Offertory Solo: "Eye Hath Not Seen"
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist Miss Helen Flaig, Contralto

Anthem: "All In An April Evening" Robertson, Sanctuary Choir
Sermon: "Sunday" Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

23rd International Sunday School Convention

July 27-31, 1955 — Cleveland, Ohio

Theme: "Home and Church — Teach Christ Now!"

C.Y.F. — 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

Lunch, Worship, Recreation and Study. 15 represented our Youth at the Area Meet, held at Kendallville last Sunday evening. We appreciate this fine group.

TURN IN NAMES OF PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

If a man and a woman love each other enough to get married and be one in God's sight—then they ought to cultivate that love after they are married. If a home is honored with a dear little baby—then the baby must be cared for and cherished. If you make a down payment on a home it is important to make all future payments. If one, old or young, is born into the Kingdom of God, if you were baptized into Christ, then you ought to give every consideration that you may count for Him and not become just a statistic on a church roll. Here is one way you can serve your Church: Turn over to your minister or the Church office, any names of prospects for membership for our church.

South Africa Disciples Convene at Johannesburg

Opening the first All-Southern Africa Convention of Disciples of Christ, the Hon. R. S. Garfield Todd addressed the assembly on "The Message of the Disciples." Mr. Todd, who was elected president of the convention, is prime minister of Southern Rhodesia.

Convening at Linden Christian Church, in Johannesburg, Sept. 19-26, the convention centered much of its business and inspiration on Africa missions. Speaking to it were Dr. A. B. Xuma, former African National Congress president, and ministers Dr. J. Reyneke of Pretoria, Ray Phillips of Johannesburg and Ernest Gray, superintendent of the Nyasaland British mission.

The renowned Bantu Jubilee Singers gave a musicale Thursday evening, the 23rd, and other extra features were trips to Orlando, largest native township in South Africa, to Ezenzeleni Blind Institute and Pretoria.

On Monday, the convention had been formally organized with a constitution and election of officers.



South Africa progress makes happy ministers. l. to r., of H. Lowden, P. R. Webber, Basil Holt, J. Duvenage and Phillip van Niekerk.

NCC President Reports On U.S. Troops in Korea

Just "living" is a major problem of American troops still stationed in South Korea, says National Council of Churches president Eugene Carson Blake, who returned early in January from a four-week tour of Far East military bases. Before flying on to Japan, he met with thousands of servicemen in speaking to 25 groups in Korea.

Jarvis Improves Farm

Irrigation has been installed on the Jarvis Christian College agriculture department farm at Hawkins, Texas. The farm is operated for research, vocational education and food supply.

The science of irrigation is important to "ag" students because, for example, an acre of mature corn will use nearly 20 tons of water daily.

Worldwide, agriculture is an important phase of home and foreign missions. The example and help of Christian agricultural leaders are basic to their missionary work.



At Jarvis, educators view a sweet potato field. A source of food for the school cafeteria, crops are grown by "ag" students.



Brotherhood communicants in Mexico number 814, and with future evangelism and growth up to youth maturing now, training Sunday School teachers is a basic church program.

Aguascalientes Youth Form a Second Group

Youth activities in the Aguascalientes, Mexico, church are flourishing. A young adult group was formed the latter part of August. Rev. and Mrs. Arturo C. Andrade serve as sponsors, and attendance averages a dozen or more.

When the group was formed, the Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) lost its president, Roberto Macias, and its program chairman. Both leaders, however, continued to help out the CYF until new officers were installed in January.

Three boys from the English class have become interested in CYF and proved to be exactly what the group needed. Nearly every Sunday they bring high school friends, and CYF attendance is regularly between 15 and 20 now. The young people are also engaged in a non-competitive attendance contest in which all who average 90 or more points for two months earn a book.

Church Music Institute

A Church Music Institute was held recently at Colegiales Church, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Meeting on a Sunday afternoon, about 25 members of the church had religious music explained to them and discussed Christian hymnody. Closing with a one-hour hymn-sing, the institute was led by Dr. Delbert Asay, a music professor at Colegio Ward.

—CMF News in Brief—

The Pensacola, Fla., CMF has paid for surgical masks and caps for a mission hospital in the Belgian Congo.

At Prior, Okla., CMF men volunteered labor to a new church camp being built.

Brady, Texas, CMF men took charge of congregational worship while the minister was away in October.

CMF men of First Christian Church, Seattle, Wash., are organized to do 400 hours of work in the church building.

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KEEP YOUR PLEDGE UP-TO-DATE

We have sufficient amount pledged to pay our church obligations regularly, if our members pay regularly. You want your Church to be prompt in meeting our obligation at the Bank. Your Church can pay only as you make it possible. Keep First Christian a great Church in every way.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our women will serve at the coffee hour for the U.N. Club, at the Y.W.C.A. on this Saturday evening, April 23. Mrs. F. E. Morrical is in charge. The public is invited.

\$133 plus was made from our Rummage Sale last week. Mrs. Martin Wagner, chairman wishes to thank all the women who helped and those who donated articles to be-sold. Our next rummage sale will be held in October.

Election of Officers was held at our meeting last evening. President, Mrs. Owen Vaught, First vice-president, Mrs. Irene Cline, Second vice-president, Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Recording secretary, Mrs. Paul Truby, Corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. C. Green, Treasurer, Mrs. William Caldwell. Installation of officers will be held at the regular meeting in June.

Mrs. Alma Beck was chosen to serve as a delegate to the State Convention at Richmond. Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Alternate.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Harold L. Jackson is a patient in the Macon County Hospital, Decatur, Illinois. We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mr. Harold L. Jackson in the recent death of his brother, Earl Jackson.

Y-CHURCH SOFTBALL

Plans are underway for a softball team again this summer. All boys 12 years and older are invited. Players must comply with two rules: Regular Church attendance, and willingness to enjoy healthy recreation. All those interested contact Don Miller at Church, or call K-4147.

WORLD CONVENTION — Toronto, Canada

August 16 - 21

The Toronto World Convention which will be held August 16-21, is to be a singing Convention. A choir of 500 will sing each evening. The members of this choir are being gathered together from many local church choirs and from many nations. The Convention will be held in the Maple Leaf Gardens.

MRS. ROBERT T. BECK

Mrs. Beck is one of 4 voting delegates to represent the local Y.W.C.A. at the Y.W.C.A. Centennial Convention in New York this week. 24 other ladies will attend the convention from the Y.W.C.A. While East Mrs. Beck will visit her father and relatives in New Haven, Conn.

116th INDIANA STATE CONVENTION

Richmond, Indiana

May 15, 16, 17, 18

Have you registered for this Convention? May 1st is the deadline for pre-registrations. Fee \$1.00. Monday—Luncheon—Ministers and Ministers' Wives; Religious Education Directors; Church Secretaries. Dinner—Camp and Conference Project. Tuesday—Breakfast—Christian Women's Fellowship; Luncheon—Emily E. Flinn Home; Dinner—Butler School of Religion. Daily Speakers: Dean O. L. Shelton, Worship; Dr. William Robinson and Dr. Jesse M. Bader. Convention Theme: "My Witness".



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BE LOYAL

Demas is an example. He is not recorded among the saints and martyrs who were loyal to death. No he couldn't take it, couldn't stand the "gaff". We don't know all the details but there were demands on the Early Church, money demands, sacrificial giving, sacrificial living. There were criticisms and tensions in the Church. Some wanted to break off, some did. There is a refining process in the life of a church determining just how good a Christian one is. Now Demas started off fine, he companioned and worked with the preacher, who was no other than the Apostle Paul. In two letters, Paul wrote, Demas joined in salutations to the Collossians and to Philemon. Later Demas turns up in Christian circles in Asia. But Demas will be remembered, if at all, by the fact he couldn't take it—he quit. He quit his friend, the Preacher, the Apostle Paul, he left the Church. He wasn't loyal to his Lord. In the letter Paul writes to Timothy are found these words, "Demas has deserted me". Demas began with the image of Christ burning in his breast. When he ended, the image had become a mere shadow.

The Church has suffered from quitters. Those who started out with Paul's passion and finished with Demas' indifference. People, whose names are recorded but who are afflicted with spiritual indolence, who are torpid with coldness of heart—or are dead with inertia, make the Church work difficult in many places.

Christian loyalty means attendance at worship. Christian loyalty means an honest attempt to live the moral life. Our newspapers reek with murders, thefts, immoral acts. Demas is alive. Christian loyalty means each member has a real financial responsibility toward his church. Churches scramble and plead to meet their budgets. Ah! Demas again.

Loyalty can make a great church important in the life of the world. Disloyalty can make its ministry insignificant.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M. — CHRISTIAN HOME SUNDAY

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M. Offertory: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus"

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Duet: Sylvan Young, Miss Arlene Smell

High School Choir, Mrs. John Baughman, Director

Anthem: "The Heavens Resound" Beethoven

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Sermon: "No Place Like Home"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.



Looking over the new Union Theological Seminary, Kingston, Jamaica, are members of the Christian missions flight tour in October. Five Protestant groups formed the seminary.

Jamaica Churches Train Teaching Personnel

In Jamaica, the Disciples of Christ mission held instruction last fall for church school teachers. Those from churches in the Kingston area met at Kingsgate church one night a week for six weeks. For other areas, similar institutes met at Highgate church, St. Thomas and Portland.

—News in Brief—

Dr. Hampton Adams, minister of Park Avenue Christian Church in New York City, has been named to the board of directors of Union Theological Seminary there.

Lapel pin emblems of the Christian Men's Fellowship were recently distributed to Jamaica CMF men as gifts of the Southern California CMF.

Eight hammers now being used to help build churches in Jamaica are gifts of a Denver, Colo., businessman.

A week-long study course has also been developed interdenominationally, reports missionary Mrs. Robert G. Nelson. It covers Sunday School organization, curriculum materials and teaching methods.

For the first time in Jamaica church history, five Protestant bodies have merged seminaries for teaching ministerial students. Using campus facilities of the former Methodist Caenwood College at Kingston, the new Union Theological Seminary has enrolled students from several Caribbean islands for its 1954-55 opening year.

Protestant bodies cooperating in the new seminary are the Presbyterian, Congregational, Moravian, Methodist and Disciples of Christ, and Disciple missionary Robert G. Nelson teaches in the Department of Practical Theology, and Disciple layman Freeman Redding is supervising construction of a new hostel.

Youth to Fly to Caribbean Next Summer

CYFers will tour Caribbean islands next summer. Flying from Miami, Fla., a CYF tour will visit in six island countries including a full week in Jamaica and in Puerto Rico. Unlike most commercial flight tours, plans for this group are to see the picturesque out-of-the-way native culture and to live at Christian mission stations.

The tour is being arranged by Charles C. Mills, director of youth missionary activities of the International Christian Youth Fellowship.

Originating in Indianapolis on June 22 and returning there July 14, the Caribbean tour will stop in Cuba and the Virgin Islands. The tomb of Christopher Columbus will be visited and Ciudad Trujillo, capital of the Dominican Republic and oldest city in the New World.

Disciple on WCC Team In Greece Reports Rural Life Improves

Under the World Council of Churches, Disciple layman Parker Rowe is doing agricultural extension work near Ioannina, Greece. Since joining the rural Inter-Church Service Team there last spring, Mr. Rowe has been in charge of a research and demonstration farm and helping re-establish agriculture set back by eleven years of war and military occupation.

The four-man team advises farmers on how to recondition land, select and grow better crops and develop timber supplies and irrigation systems. One result is a 40% greater corn crop from only half as much seed by using a hybrid variety. The team also has already introduced white leghorn chickens and

European style beehives. One of the first major jobs last year was draining a 50-acre swamp and converting it into farm land. Local farmers are quite receptive to the church-sponsored self-help aid, Mr. Rowe indicates, and the Greek government has given funds and implements to the project.

Mr. Rowe is a graduate of the University of Missouri college of agriculture. He is supported by The United Christian Missionary Society social welfare department by Week of Compassion offerings of Christian Churches.

New Christian Symphony

For National Council of Churches assembly delegates, the Boston Symphony Orchestra played a premiere performance of a symphonic and choral work based on four prayers by Danish theologian Soren Kierkegaard. It was written by the noted composer Samuel Barber and heard in Boston's Symphony Hall on Dec. 1.



Among children who once stumbled out of the mountains of eastern Kentucky to attend Hazel Green Academy are today diplomats, lawyers, educators, home-makers, physicists.

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High School Choir rehearsal at 5 P.M. C.Y.F. meeting 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Mr. John H. Baughman has been secured as part-time Christian Education Director for our Church.

WORLD CONVENTION — Toronto, Canada, August 16-21

Toronto, Canada, August 16-21

August is vacation month for most people. Plan to spend your vacation to include Canada and the Toronto World Convention. The Convention dates are August 16-21. Canada is a cool vacation land. Toronto, the Convention city, is situated on the shore of beautiful Lake Ontario. Here is an opportunity for those not living in Canada to see something of this wonderful country. Make your vacation plans so that you can be at the Convention from the time of the first session on Tuesday evening, August 16, to the closing session on Sunday afternoon, August 21. See Canada this August and attend the Convention.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 1	Glenn R. Miller	—	Wilbur Whinery
8	Cecil Rice	—	Eural G. Rose
15	Albert Egly	—	John E. Merrill
22	C. E. Fuchshuber	—	Grayston Cripe
29	David Griggs	—	Dale Parkerson

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Herbert C. Banet, Captain, H-50432; Marvin L. Crouse, Donald E. Coffman, Chester L. Follis, Howard J. Howell, E. T. Fusselman, J. J. McCarel, C. Hendrickson, Jim N. Griffin, John C. Cole, William E. Olsen, Maro A. Bolinger, Harley R. Meadows Official Board will meet Tuesday, May 3rd at 8 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. Paul G. Clendenen, 2217 Thompson Avenue, Tuesday, May 3rd at 1:30 P.M.

The Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Hugh Rice, 5827 Fernwood for a May Breakfast on May 4th at 9:30 A.M. Assistant hostess, Mrs. L. A. Horn. Devotions by Mrs. W. H. Imbody and Program by Mrs. David Hogg.

The Paul Kepple Circle will meet with Mrs. Cecil Rice, 1819 Kentucky, Thursday, May 5th at 1:30 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. Cecil Kinzie, program by Mrs. Arza Smith.

Will each Circle President promote the Mother-Daughter Banquet in your Circle? It is to be held on May 10th at 6:30 at the Third Presbyterian Church, corner Taber and So. Harrison Streets. Dinner \$1.25, children 12 years and under 65c. The Committee on Time and Place, The McGavran Circle; Promotion, tickets and reservations committee, The Dye Circle; Special Music Committee, Montgomery and Nelson Circles. Decorations, The Fellowship Guild; Program, The Program Committee. All women of the church and friends are invited. If you do not have a mother or daughter come anyway, or invite some older person to be your mother, or someone younger to be your daughter that evening.

THE FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will hold their monthly meeting, with a Silent Auction, on May 6th at 8 P.M. at the home of Mrs. W. H. Imbody, 441 Buchanan. Mrs. Merle Heller, assistant hostess.

Y-CHURCH SOFTBALL

The League will open play on or about June 7th. So there will be the month of May for practice. All boys who desire to play ball and are 12 or older call Don Miller, K-4147 or see me at the church. First practice is scheduled for next Sunday from 2 to 4 P.M. at McMillan Park Baseball Diamond.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson in the recent birth of a new little grandson, Steven Funkhouser. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Funkhouser of South Bend, Indiana.



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"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

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WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

How long have you been a member of the Church? May it be suggested that you ask yourself some personal questions? Have you been a member 10-15-20 years? 4 years? 1 year? A few months? Well, has anything happened? Have you found anything in the Church? Have you brought anything into the Church? What seems important? Ever since the Church started, it has worshipped regularly. Do you know what it means to worship? Does anything happen when you worship? Do you blame others for your failures in the Church? How much time are you giving to the work of the Church?

The New Testament is a living witness. Something happened when Paul, Timothy became Christians? Others however, never found anything. Some became trouble makers. Some left the Church. There were those who were lukewarm, name-on-the-record members. Nothing happened to them.

Paul had it, "let us be constant in season and out of season." "For me to live is Christ" said Paul. What has happened to you?

SUNDAY IS MOTHER'S DAY

Most of us can pay real tributes of praise to motherhood and join those whose mothers have meant so much to all that is good in their lives. However, tribute needs to be paid to all noble women, whether mothers or not, whose gracious Christian lives have been creatively and sacrificially invested in the Common Good. All Hail to Christian womanhood.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory: Junior Choir,

Mrs. Jack Kelly, Director

Anthem: "Incline Thine Ear" Arkhangel'sky
Sanctuary Choir, Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Mr. Maxwell P. Smith of Indianapolis will be our guest at Church and share in our Service. And will lead this week our program of Visitation.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Film will be shown at combined opening of our Church School Sunday Morning at 9:15 A.M. Meet in Classes, take attendance and assemble in Fellowship Hall.

Colgate Citation Goes to Disciple Woman

Mrs. Doris Clore Demaree, an active Christian Church member, has been awarded the Russell Colgate Distinguished Service Citation, Protestantism's highest honor for non-professional work in Christian education. Mrs. Demaree is a modest, hard-working Franklin, Ind., farm wife who started teaching Sunday School in 1919 in a country church.

The citation was presented to Mrs. Demaree on Feb. 8 in Cincinnati, O., at the annual meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches. The presentation was made by Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, head of the NCC division.

Since 1940 Mrs. Demaree has taught, supervised, directed or helped found 26 laboratory schools around the country for training church workers. For the past 15 years, she has been state chairman of children's work for Disciples of Christ in Indiana, and for the Indiana Council of Churches. She has been



Mrs. Doris Clore (Mrs. Herald) Demaree

a member of a number of curriculum committees, church boards and other lay groups.

Mrs. Demaree is the second woman to receive the award and the first Christian Church person. The citation, an annual award, was begun in 1944 and is given only to non-ordained leaders in Christian education work.

—News in Brief—

There are 3,697 Christian Women's Fellowships in churches in the United States and Canada, according to the current *Yearbook* of Christian Churches.

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The Disciples of Christ cared for 72 orphans in Japan last year, says the *Yearbook*.

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Other *Yearbook* facts: 20,447 pupils in 275 mission schools overseas; 9,150 new Christians baptized in foreign mission areas; and 14 hospitals maintained plus 14 dispensaries.

Build Church in 14 Hours

At 6 a.m. one Saturday last October, 160 volunteers began construction on a new church building at Jordanville, Australia. By 3 o'clock that afternoon the last wall was in position and half the roof completed. The church stood ready for use by 8 o'clock that same evening.

Members of the Church of Christ (Disciples) held their first worship service in the new building the next day.

Church School Leaders Meet To Review Education Program

To see what new developments might be needed to help Christian Churches in their education program, the first Christian Education Assembly met at Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, Ind., Jan. 10-14. Study groups reviewed and evaluated programs and study materials currently in use and considered rising needs.

The assembly was organized last year by the Curriculum and Program Council of the Disciples of Christ and is sponsored by The United Christian Missionary Society and the Christian Board of Publication. Mr. Fred Helsabeck, assistant to the president of Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va., presided and was re-elected for the next session.

Taking part in the meeting were 86 church school teachers, writers, administrators, ministers, college leaders, field staff workers and others concerned with Christian education. One of 36 items being recommended promotes family life activities.



The main building at Mt. Beulah

Mt. Beulah Conferences

Mt. Beulah Community Center, Edwards, Miss., is becoming a site for many local, area and statewide meetings. Already 495 persons have attended conferences held there by Christian Churches, the YMCA, YWCA, Baptists and others.

Thailand DVBS Begin

In Thailand the school year ends in March and summer Daily Vacation Bible Schools begin. Older Christian youth, after training under church leaders in Nakon Pathom, like to help lead the schools there and in outlying villages.

The instruction for children is much like that in America—Bible stories, songs, memory verses, arts and crafts, playlets, and games.

Lesson materials have been translated and adapted from materials used by similar schools in the Philippines.



Chris Cherryhomes, left, son of missionaries, joins schoolmates in playing games.

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C.Y.F.

C.Y.F. Choir rehearsal 5 to 5:30 P.M. The Youth of C.Y.F. will meet with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical on Sunday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. for a picnic. Please bring picnic lunch and table service. Transportation will be provided. Those who have such games as badminton, croquet, ball and glove, please bring them along. There will be a period of worship and study.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bogan took 10 young people to Barbee Camp last Saturday at which time they were assigned to clean the mess hall and kitchen preparatory to the opening of the Camp for Conferences. The Young people are requested to bring their Conference blanks and fees to Sunday School next Sunday morning so those wishing to attend Camp or Conference this Summer will not be disappointed. This is a limitation of numbers.

MEN'S FORUM — 5 to 7 P.M. SUNDAY

The Men's Forum with Jack Kelly as president, is leading out in a cooperative way in our program of Visitation Evangelism. At 5 P.M. Men and women will meet for a covered dish dinner. Coffee and rolls will be furnished, and Mr. Maxwell P. Smith, director of Men's Work, will present the program. This time husbands and wives as well as teams of men will participate.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. Donald C. Smith, 2222 Hoagland Ave. The deVille Arms Apt. D-3, Monday evening, May 9th at 8 o'clock. Devotions by Miss Ethel Shroyer, Program by Mrs. O. R. Kuhlman.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Wm. Tracey, 804 Colerick St. Monday evening, May 9 at 7:45 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. Alma Beck, Program by Mrs. Clyde Manley.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

The Mother-Daughter Banquet sponsored by the Christian Women's Fellowship will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 at the Third Presbyterian Church, Taber and Harrison Sts. Everyone is invited. Adults \$1.25, children 12 years and under 65c. Call in your reservations before Monday to Mrs. Eural Rose, H-4994, or call the Church Office. Please keep in mind the deadline for reservations.

MAY BREAKFAST — Monday, May 16th at 9 A.M.

To be held in Church Parlor. Mr. and Mrs. S. S. McWilliams, Missionaries from Argentina, will be our speakers.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mr. Charles Schnobel is a patient at Parkview Hospital, Room 231.

Mrs. Loraine Brubaker is seriously ill in Lutheran Hospital Room 415.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Kate McKay who passed away last Saturday morning.

Our deepest sympathy is also extended to Mr. Martin C. Brudi and family in the death of his father, Martin C. Brudi, Sr.

NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sarrazin are the grandparents of Vicki Ann Sarrazin, born April 30th.

The High School Class has recently purchased a new record player to be used with strip film slides. This gift to the Church School and Church is greatly appreciated.

ORCHIDS

To Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau who for nearly three years has so generously and efficiently headed our Pastor's Commission on Hospitality.

HONOR

Mrs. Gail Roe has just closed the most successful year of the P.T.A. of St. Joseph Township School as president. During her administration the P.T.A. has grown from a little over 200 members to more than 600 members.

NOTES

Between 20 and 30 couples, whom our pastor married and are living in or near Fort Wayne, were at the Church Sunday and received special recognition. Our pastor gave each couple a red rose. Misses Martha J. Beck and Barbara Griffith presented the roses at the close of the service. John Young presented a booklet.



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BY FAITH

"By Faith" so the writer of the Hebrew Epistle wrote. And "By Faith" is the word required by every great life like Moses, Lincoln, Luther, Campbell, Carey. It was by faith that John Bright seeing his reforms were beset by enemies, cried out, "If we can't win as fast as we wish, we know our opponents can't in the long run win at all." Listen at Gladstone. When his cause was defeated, he rose undaunted in Parliament and said, "I appeal to time."

With what labor and with what sacrifices one invests in hope of worthy outcomes. When he falls in love with great causes at his best and for their sakes he will risk fortune, happiness and life itself. Thus think and act souls robust and heaven touched.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M. Offertory: "Savior Like A Shepherd"—Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

High School Choir—Mrs. J. H. Baughman, Director

Anthem: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"—17th Century German Melody

Sanctuary Choir—Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Sermon: "How to Pray"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Clinic and Institute — May 20-21-22

Significant for our Church. Friday 7 to 9 P.M. will be the first meeting. Saturday 2:30 to 4:30 P.M. and at 5:30 P.M. will be a "Carry-in" dinner for sponsors. Sunday 2:30-4:30 P.M., 5:30 P.M. Education Division. Our leaders are Lyle Harvey, Miss Bessie Myers and Mr. Johnson, all of Indianapolis. This institute is open to all interested in Church leadership or teaching.

VISITATION and EVANGELISM

Many couples and teams went into scores of homes giving the invitation of Christ and His Church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights under the direction of Maxwell P. Smith, of Indianapolis. John Cole is Chairman of this program for the Evangelism Division. The Men's Forum with their ladies enjoyed a fine presentation of the program of Evangelism by Mr. Smith on Sunday evening.



In Puerto Rico, 83 young people attended the CYF conference last summer at McLean Conference Grounds. There were 13 faculty members. In all, 70 per cent attended this Christian conference for the first time indicating that more youth are finding vital Christian lives.

Puerto Rican Youth Do Compassion Projects

The Social Action Committee of the Insular Christian Youth Fellowship of Puerto Rico "gangs up" on its work projects. Recently they completed two big projects in one day each.

For an elderly couple living meagerly in a shack on a mountain near Mc-

Lean Conference Grounds, the 30 committee members secured furniture. For the wife who has been bedfast for 16 years on a hard cot, they moved in a bed, a new mattress and bed linens. The boys painted the bleak shack a cheery yellow, and the girls stocked in cooking, eating and cleaning supplies. As a climax a portrait of Christ was hung on a wall.

The other project was painting the Puerto Nuevo church, cleaning and ironing chancel curtains and erecting a cross on the roof.

Missionaries "Mike" and Nancy Saenz are adult advisers to the group. The projects awed non-Christians. Students, according to Spanish customs remaining, are not supposed to lower themselves to manual labor and girls must not work or do household chores until they marry.

—News in Brief—

Saloons in Puerto Rico near the churches' McLean Conference Grounds are not frequented by boys since a recreation program got started at McLean.

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The 1954 *Yearbook* of Christian Churches lists 7,598 ministers.

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H. C. Hobgood, for 42 years a missionary in Belgian Congo, has begun serving a pastorate at Marion, Ky.

Australia Churches Elect Paternoster

The Federal Conference of Christian Churches in Australia has elected Ira Paternoster, Sr., president. He is father of Ira Paternoster, Jr., of the staff of The United Christian Missionary Society in Indianapolis, Ind.

School for Elders Draws Church Men from Other Towns Around

Elders of the First Christian Church, Roseburg, Ore., underwent a two-day training school in December. Subjects of talks and discussions dealt with the history, function and personal religious life of Christian eldership.

Speakers and leaders for the school included an attorney, a public school educator, a college professor, a college president and ministers. Topics included church administration, the Restoration Movement in Protestantism, personal spiritual development and other

Buses in San Antonio, Texas, recently encouraged Christian plans for Sundays. The slogan? "This Bus Goes to Church on Sunday." —RNS Photo



It's a barrel of fun in the day nursery of All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center in Los Angeles. Here children learn to put Christian ideals into simple uses.

concerns of Christian elders.

Elders and their wives from nearby churches were also in attendance.

College Students to Hold National Conference

The Disciples Student Fellowship will convene its national conference Aug. 28 to Sept. 3. To be held at Epworth Forest on Lake Webster, North Webster, Ind., the conference will be presided over by Kenneth Henry, DSF national president, from Jarvis Christian College at Hawkins, Texas.

Stressing Christian social action, the conference has as its theme "Let Love Be Genuine." Three outstanding leaders in the area of concern have already been secured. They are Barton Hunter and William D. Hall of The United Christian Missionary Society and Dr. Walter W. Sikes of Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.

The DSF Ecclesia, national executive body, will meet during the conference.

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C.Y.F. — 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

30 High School Boys and Girls attended the picnic and worship service last Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical.

Young people going to the State Convention this Sunday at Richmond will leave the Church at 1 P.M. Transportation will be provided. For those not attending the Convention there will be C.Y.F. from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Church.

The Junior and High School Choir will practice together on Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 at the Church. There will be no Junior practice on Wednesday, May 18.

MUSICAL PROGRAM

The Junior and High School Choirs are presenting a Musical program on Sunday, May 22 at 7:30 P.M. at the Church. Everyone is invited.

STRIP FILM AND SLIDE PROJECTOR

A beautiful Argus projector has been secured with player for records which with the movie sound projector, completes one phase of our program for visual Education. This equipment was paid for by the C.Y.F., the C.W.F., and the Men's Forum. We also wish to thank John Hechler and Floyd Morrical who helped greatly in securing this new equipment.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL MAY BREAKFAST

Monday, May 16 at 9:00 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. S. S. McWilliams, Missionaries on furlough from Argentina will bring a interesting message. The Fellowship Guild is in charge of the Worship; McGavran Circle, hospitality; Dye Circle, the breakfast. Mrs. L. A. Horn will sing special numbers. We urge our ladies to make this meeting a MUST. A nurse will be present to care for small children.

COME DOUBLE CLASS PARTY

Will be held at Melody Acres, Saturday, May 14th from 9 to 12 P.M.

OUR SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Smith and family, in the recent tragic death of Mr. Smith's daughter, Miss Marjorie Smith.

Sympathy goes out to Mr. John Talbott and his family in the recent loss by death of his mother, who passed away on May 3.

Word has come of the death of Dr. Robert M. Hopkins. Dr. Hopkins' life was dedicated to World Work and to the Brotherhood.

Stanley Schenk, brother of Mrs. Frederic Smell, died this week in Goshen.

Mrs. Phillip Uhl's uncle, Mr. Johns, passed away this week.

Our heart goes out to these people.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mrs. Donald Bowers is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, Room 164.

Mr. Joseph Siples is in the Methodist Hospital.

CHURCH FINANCE REPORT

Receipts in Operating Account January through April	\$ 9007.55
Receipts in Building Fund Account January through April	6900.65
Receipts in Church School Fund Account January through April	790.65
TOTAL	\$16698.85

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers for next Sunday are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Truby honoring the birthday of their little daughter, Mary Alice.

MOTHER - DAUGHTER BANQUET

Miss Nancy Fay Hall gave the invocation. Mrs. Fred Wilson, toastmistress. Mr. J. E. Weicker, song leader. Mrs. S. E. Merriman, accompanist. Miss Martha J. Beck gave the toast to the Mothers. The response was given by Mrs. Robert T. Beck. Readings were given by Mrs. Meade Thurman and Miss Judy Osborne. The benediction was pronounced by Mrs. J. C. Koegel.



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WHERE ARE THE NEW MEMBERS?

In the last twelve years First Christian has been a rapidly growing church from 675 Resident members, the church has doubled its membership, even though there is a high turnover of between 20 to 35 a year. But where are these new members?

In compiling statistics it was informing to learn that \$63,300 of the \$96,000 of new money raised by the Church in its last canvass for the building fund were given and pledged by new members. It was also interesting to learn that these same new members give \$326.00 per week to local budget for current expenses and benevolence and world work of the Church. This does not include the Church School, Christian Women's Fellowship, the Men's Forum and other organizations. Where are the new members? Well they are in the Church School, teaching and officering classes, on the Church Board; in every canvass, working in visitation Evangelism, in large numbers on the Covenant of the Seventy. In fact the new members are in the Church. God bless them. Let us appreciate them.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M. Offertory: Selected—Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Soloist
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Anthem: "Thanks Be To God" by Dickson
Sanctuary Choir, Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Sermon: "How God Protects You"
Great congregation Sunday. Those are hallowed moments when we witness the Confession of Christ by new members. There were three baptisms Sunday.

WHAT DOES OUR MINISTER DO?

Let's take the last month and see what our minister did! Of course he preaches every Sunday. Some 20 to 24 hours are spent by him in preparation for each Sunday; 40 sick calls were made by our pastor; 103 pastoral calls; 28 counselling hours were spent by him with people endeavoring to help them solve their personal problems. Two funeral services were conducted—and one wedding. We attended 14 meetings of Civic groups, 21 Church meetings. Numerous letters were written. Our pastor read eight books, made 462 telephone calls and in doing all this travelled over 1400 miles in his car. Our pastor doesn't have much extra time.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Plans are in progress for the Annual Daily Vacation Church School. 12 young people sent in applications for Youth Conference at Lake Barbee.



Missionaries commissioned by The United Christian Missionary Society meet standards ranked among the highest required by any American Protestant mission board. In order to devote time to preparation, candidates, missionaries and nationals rely upon funds made available by other Christians and churches.

Church Women "Write" Special Fund for Missions

Books are being written this year by women of the Christian Women's Fellowships in the United States and Canada. Every volume is entitled *Love Gifts—a personal collection*. These books are book-like money banks in which some women are "writing" in

special coins such as Roosevelt dimes, Liberty Bell half-dollars, or "green backs."

This project is in addition to CWF missionary goals. When the offerings are gathered, the funds will be used for educating missionary candidates, foreign Christian nationals, and missionaries on furlough. More than 150,000 Love Gift book-banks have been sent to CWF women.

The project was launched at the International CWF Assembly in Miami, Fla., last fall. There women were told that while most of them are not foreign missionaries, all are missionaries wherever they are. In addition, their interest, stewardship and prayers help churches and Christian leaders overseas to do the missionary work there.

—News in Brief—

Based on a Columbia University poll of 45,000 college alumni, more graduates donate to churches than any other cause.

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Dr. John R. Mott, 89, "elder statesman of Protestantism," died Jan. 31 at his home in Orlando, Fla. A founder of the International Missionary Council and its president for 20 years, he received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1946.

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In Africa, 88 students are studying for the Christian church ministry.

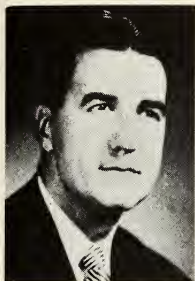
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Christian church hospitals and clinics in India gave 146,452 treatments in 1953-54.

Educators Ask Churches To Teach Alcohol Facts

The Christian Education Assembly has proposed that Christian church schools teach the use and misuse of alcohol. The CEA also has urged the subject be expanded in church school literature.

Junior Chamber of Commerce Chooses Rose



Dr. Rose

The Rev. Dr. Frank A. Rose has been named one of America's "Ten Outstanding Young Men of 1954" by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. A minister of the Disciples of Christ, he is president of Trans-

sylvania College, a Christian church-related school. He and the nine other men chosen by the Jaycees were honored in Louisville, Ky., on Jan. 22.

Made head of the college at the age of 29, Dr. Rose, now only 34, has developed a scholarship program that pays the educational expenses of 200 students a year. More than 200 corporations and 1,000 persons contribute to the scholarship funds. Already in Dr. Rose's administration, a large indebtedness on the college has been paid off, a new library has been built and the student body has been doubled.



"World Convention" for Children at Toronto

So families can attend the World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples) together, a "children's World Convention" will be held. The convention will be at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto, Ontario, on Aug. 16-21. The children will attend a Daily Vacation Bible School supervised by trained teachers and registered nurses, and their "agenda" includes directed play, group worship, motion pictures, and hikes to the zoo and museum.

Congo Ministers Meet

Delegates arrived by trucks, cars and canoes for the third annual conference retreat for Congo ministers and teachers. From throughout the expansive Disciples of Christ Congo Mission, they convened at Longa.

With a growing native ministry, the retreat emphasized education, fellowship and worship. Short courses were held on topics of Christian beliefs and preaching and teaching methods. Plans for further evangelism were also made. It was an "etakonelo ea ka mogo," a good week, as the Congolese say it.



Breakfast just over, missionaries and Congolese church leaders get ready to disperse to conference classes and business sessions.

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PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class is having their annual picnic for their families and friends Sunday, May 22nd, after the Morning Worship services, at Foster Park in Pavilion No. 2. Bring your picnic basket, table service.

CHURCH SOFTBALL

So far about 12 boys have turned out to play ball. I know there are more fellows who would enjoy playing ball, so let's hear from you! See Don Miller at Church, or call K-4147. There will be a practice either Thursday or Friday.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers their next Sunday are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Gail J. Roe, honoring the birthday of their little daughter, Rita Marie.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dare and family, in the recent death of Mr. Dare's Sister, Mrs. Grace Dare Young.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. J. C. Koegel and family in the loss of a brother, Mr. Henry Hill.

CLINIC AND INSTITUTE

Beginning Friday, May 20, at 7 P.M.; Saturday afternoon with a carry-in dinner and Sunday afternoon. Mr. Lyle Harvey, Miss Bessie Myers and Mr. Harold Johnson of Indianapolis will conduct the Clinic. This institute is open to all interested in Church leadership and teaching.

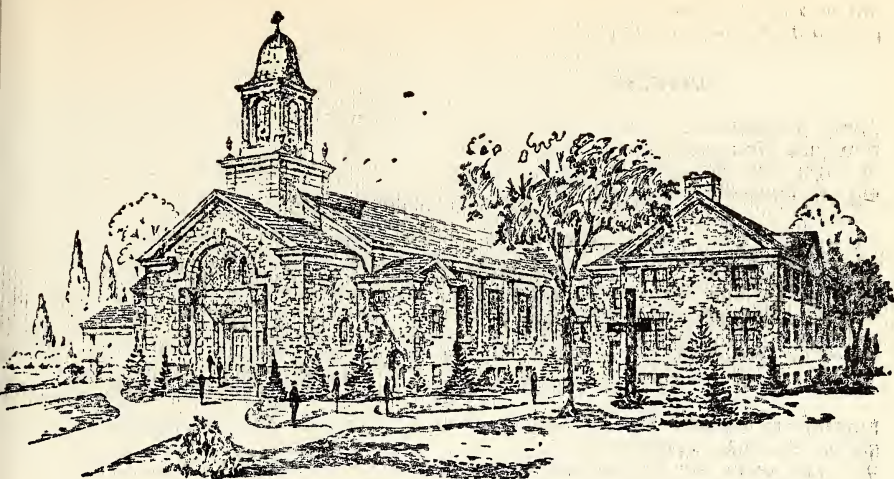
Elders serving this Sunday are Charles Fuchshuber and Grayston Cripe.

WORLD CONVENTION

Our World Convention was organized 25 years ago in Washington, D.C. Three other Conventions have been held since that time—in Leicester, England; Buffalo, New York; and Melbourne, Australia. The Fifth World Convention will be held in Toronto, Canada, August 16-21 of this year. This will be the Silver Jubilee Convention, when an attendance of 8,000 is expected. The World Convention includes our churches in 32 countries. These churches have a total membership of 2,045,000. The President of the Toronto World Convention is Edgar G. Burton, a layman living in the Convention city. The World Convention has a headquarters office which is located in the Flatiron Building at 175 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y. The General Secretary is Jesse M. Bader who is giving full time to the World Convention.

HERITAGE OF PRAYER

Jesus of Nazareth was born and reared among praying people. His was a heritage of prayer, and in him that tradition grew and flowered into a soul of beauty. His people prayed in times of joy and in periods of crisis. They gave thanks for blessings and deliverance. They confessed their sins and prayed for forgiveness. In Jesus' prayers we see something of his conception of God, and our own idea of God is probably an accurate measurement of our prayers for, as water cannot rise higher than its source, our prayers cannot rise higher than our conception of God.



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WHERE ARE THE OLD MEMBERS IN THE CHURCH BE SOMEBODY'S "BEST" FRIEND

"What I need most," wrote Emerson, "is something to make me do what I can." One of the most rewarding experiences you can ever have is to be that "something" for somebody—to be the catalyst that dispels inertia and brings out the best in someone you know. The thing that brings out the best in most people is **encouragement**, and you—no matter what your circumstances are—can provide those around you with this precious morale plasma. Think encouraging thoughts, speak encouraging words, and, most important of all, adopt an air of confident **expectancy** toward those you are trying to help. Be **genuinely** interested, let your **attitude** be more eloquent than your words. In this way, you can be, in truth, a "best" friend. There is no happiness quite comparable to the happiness you can earn in this way.

—Whatsoever Things

SUNDAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY

It is significant that Pentecost and Memorial Sunday are on the same day. "A time to think about our place as individual Christians in God's dynamic church and of our Christian Responsibility." For Peace more and more people are turning to the Church. Be in your place this Sunday.

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Anthem: "My God and I" Sergei
Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Preacher: Our Pastor

Sermon: "Religion's Help for A Troubled World"

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

The High School Choir **will not** practice this Sunday evening.

The C.Y.F. will have a picnic from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. Sunday evening at the home of John Young, 507 Lower Huntington Rd. The young people are asked to bring a covered dish and table service. Those who have badminton, ball and glove, croquet sets, may bring them for use at recreation. A program of Study and Worship will follow the picnic supper.

OUR SENIORS TO BE HONORED AT BREAKFAST

June 5th — 8 A.M.

The graduates of high school this year in our church will be the guests of **our pastor** at a breakfast given by the CYF on June 8th at eight o'clock in the

Hazel Green Academy Gets Gifts from Friends



At Hazel Green Academy's kindergarten, the children have a "snack," and a prayer before eating adds spiritual nourishment for them.

—News in Brief—

More than 4,000 hospital calls on some 1,300 patients were made last year by Chaplain Vernon H. Carter. Rev. Carter ministers to patients in hospitals affiliated with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

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Mapleleaf Gardens, one of the largest auditoriums in Canada, is the site of the fifth World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples) to be held in Toronto, Aug. 16-21.

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Miss Merci Hiradhar, a graduate of Disciples of Christ schools in Bilaspur, India, serves this year as student council secretary of the Bilaspur college of arts. Her election is hailed since Christians form a small minority of the students enrolled.

Friends of Hazel Green Academy have contributed gifts to improve student life there. A television set, given by friends, has been put in the girls dormitory, and chair covers for the dining hall have been received from California.

Affiliated with the Christian church-supported junior and senior high school at Hazel Green, in mountainous north-eastern Kentucky, are some community services. Of these, the kindergarten has new asphalt tile flooring and built-in cabinets made possible by the Ohio Christian Women's Fellowship and other friends.

The additions are welcome improvements at the academy which is administered by The United Christian Missionary Society and is one of two secondary schools in the county.

Weekly Letters of Simeon Stylites Are Put into a Book

For a half-dozen years the weekly letters of "Simeon Stylites" have delighted readers of *The Christian Century*. Now 75 of the most popular letters, written by Halford E. Luccock, form a new book, *Like a Mighty Army*.

To regular readers of Simeon Stylites in the *Century*, the volume comes as a sort of Old Home Week. New acquaintances find it more fun than a circus.

Always surprising readers with unlikely subjects, the author writes with a light touch. He shuns solemnity, preferring humor, satire, irony and parody to sharpen up his points. His letters are something unique in religious journalism.



Left above: Specialists get rigorous training before they are assigned to villages. Right above: Saraj, an education specialist, teaches two women how to write and read Hindi.

New Evangelism in India Meets Five Basic Needs

Radiating from Damoh, India, is the new "Star of Life" missionary project. It is aligned to cope with five basic needs of mankind: health, education, society, economy and religion.

Christians who are specialists in problems of each category are, after basic training, assigned to teams which live and serve in outlying villages. The "technical service plus" plan, developed by missionary Donald Rice, promotes Christian "whole life" living.

Below: A farmer, at right, shows his new potato crop to missionary Donald Rice, left, and Mr. Jacob, project director. Improved farming improves food which improves health.

Below: Clency and Peter demonstrate puppets they made to dramatize Bible events and Christian principles.



A small industry can help a man improve his living. Using a carved hand block, above, a man stamps a repeating design on cloth.



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morning at the Hobby House on East Wayne. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morrical are the sponsors of the High School group. The committee on arrangements are Martha J. Beck, chairman, Barbara Griffith, Marty Lehman and Alice Richard.

Following the breakfast the graduates will attend church service in their caps and gowns. All High School young people are invited to the breakfast. The cost of the breakfast is \$1.00 per plate.

CHILDREN'S DAY GOALS—JUNE 12, 1955

Class:	Attendance	Offering
Men's	10	
Ladies' Bible Class	12	\$2.50 average
Friendly	20	per adult
Progressive	30	
Come Double	50	
High School	30	\$1.75 average
		young people
Junior High	12	
Upper Junior	20	
Lower Junior	25	\$1.13 per
Primary	30	pupil
Kindergarten	35	
Nursery	30	

Children's Day Program. All Classes will gather in Fellowship Hall on our Annual Children's Day, June 12th at 9:35 A.M. at which time the children will present their program. There will also be a movie shown.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Dye Circle will meet for a carry-in luncheon with Mrs. L. A. Horn, 2614 Timbers Drive, Wednesday, June 1st at 12:30. Mrs. C. W. Winfield is assistant hostess. Members are asked to bring table service. The group will have election of officers.

The Kepple Circle will meet for a picnic at Lakeside Park on Thursday, June 2. The group will elect officers for the coming year.

PUT IT OVER

There is one more Sunday in May. So far this month the offerings have been: General \$1960.37; Building Fund \$1875.00; Church School \$187.15. Everyone doing his share can make May a great month financially—working together we can put it over.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet Friday evening, June 3 at the home of Mrs. C. D. Palmer, 2625 North Wells at 6:30 P.M. for a potluck dinner.

NEW BABY IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Gordon, II, born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stafford, last week at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Virgil David is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers this week are the gift of Mr. Edward Ashton in memory of his parents.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Donald P. Bowers and family in the loss of his wife, Marilyn Bowers who passed away on last Monday evening. Her son was a member of Pastor's Class and joined Church Palm Sunday.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Miss Helen Flaig, our Sanctuary Choir director, has been confined to her home this week due to illness.



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EVERY CHRISTIAN ON THE JOB

America was startled the other day to learn that Russia had built a newly designed super bomber which might surpass anything we had been able to build. With show, Russia was saying to the world "Our way is most efficient." "We shall dominate the world." At least we have to say this unfriendly nation had been working with results.

Forces opposed to the Christian way of life are not idle. Again and again unchristian ideas are placed before our people with unusual force and effectiveness.

To win we need every Christian on the job. The skills, talents, and abilities of each member should be utilized. Each member should be eager and quick to promote the Christian life and to strengthen the Church. Don't get in a rut. Don't let the living of the Christian life be boorish or appear boresome.

It is a time for the church to be dynamic and creative. Every great industry awards and is eager to use new ideas that are workable and as fast as possible work them into their plant when feasible. This is no time for passive onlookers. Be strong in the church. Bring friends to worship with you. Speak good words for the Church. With love in your heart, be strong in the Lord and in the work of our Master.

SUNDAY IS GRADUATION DAY IN OUR CHURCH

Starting with an 8 o'clock breakfast our High School graduates will be honored on Sunday. They will sit together in the morning service, wearing cap and gown, in a special place reserved for them.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Anthem: "Go Not Far From Me" Zingarelli

Sermon: "The Church and Youth"

Offertory Duet: "In The Garden"

Mrs. L. R. Mote and Miss Helen Flaig

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Preacher: Our Pastor

Great crowd for vacation Sunday. Reverent Congregation, excellent music. Be in your place this Sunday.

OFFERINGS FOR MAY

General Fund	\$2277.54
Building Fund	2236.19
Church School	215.77

Total	\$4729.50
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—RNS Photo

Welcomed with flower leis to Hawaii are, l. to r., Miss Felicia Sunderlal, Mrs. J. D. Wyker and Mrs. David D. Baker. Miss Josefina Phodaca joined the team in Indonesia.

Disciple Woman Leads World Prayer Tour

An international team of Protestant women recently completed a 'round-the-world tour "to create greater unity in fellowship and prayer among Christian women." The group was headed by Mrs. James D. Wyker, president of the

United Church Women in America and a minister of the Disciples of Christ.

The women helped open the World Day of Prayer, Feb. 25, at Suva, capital of the Fiji Islands, one of the first places where a new day dawns on earth.

Other women on the team were Miss Felicia Sunderlal of India, Mrs. David D. Baker of New York City, and Miss Josefina Phodaca of the Philippines. Mrs. Wyker is from Mt. Vernon, O.

Bingo Threatens Christian Character And Church's Purpose

Legalized bingo is a threat to the "spirit of compassion and the sense of community responsibility," says a sharply worded editorial in the March issue of *The Outlook* magazine. It appeals to secondary motives to support the church and its mission, says the article, adding that Americans "are being urged to gamble for the sake of charities, where formerly they were asked to give."

Poverty Is a Complex Problem in Jamaica



Because of the Berea church, Jamaica highlanders who are learning the ways of God are able to improve their living conditions.

In Jamaica, the Church has turned its face to the mountains, according to missionaries Evert and Roberta Millard, who serve people living in the mountain area. They write, however, of mountainous moral, social and spiritual problems from which the people must be directed. In part, the problems arise from poverty, they indicate.

Worn out lands yield meager crops that provide little food and income for farmers to buy necessities with. In the struggle to keep alive, personal, family and social standards degenerate. In addition to helping improve crops and home and family life, the Millards even have to encourage marriages.



Mothers register at the well-baby clinic of Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, Texas. The city health department assists MCI in providing community clinical service.

—News in Brief—

The Christian "House-that-is-a-Home" at Pabellon, Ags., Mexico, is caring for 12 girls from outlying farms so they may attend the village federal school. In addition, at the home, Bible, English and practical skills are being taught to them.

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A system for making contacts between Puerto Rican Protestants and churches on the American mainland is being put in operation this year for the thousands of farm laborers who come each year. The contacts are being made by the Evangelical Council of Puerto Rico and the Ministerial Association of the city of San Juan, P. R.

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Mt. Beulah Christian Center, Edwards, Miss., opened a health clinic in January. Dr. Mei Iung Ting, professor and physician at Tougaloo Southern Christian College, Tougaloo, Miss., is in charge of the clinic.

Statesmen Will Address Fifth World Convention of Churches of Christ

Opening the fifth World Convention of Church of Christ (Disciples) will be an address by the convention president, Edgar Gordon Burton of Canada. The convention, convening Aug. 16-21, is being held at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, Ontario.

Two of the other speakers during the convention are to be the Hon. Garfield Todd, prime minister of Southern Rhodesia, and the Hon. Lester Pearson, former United Nations president and now Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs.

The convention this year is expected to draw 8,000 persons, according to H. B. Holloway, convention registrar. Pre-convention registrations are being received by him at 320 Lesley Ave., Indianapolis, Ind., at \$3.00 each.

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ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 5—B. W. Leversee — Eppie Baker
June 12—Gail J. Roe — Harold W. Crowder
June 19—Eppie R. Baker — Floyd E. Morrical
June 26—Wilbur M. Whinery — Glenn R. Miller

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Paul E. Truby, Captain, K-1514—J. E. Tracey, T. D. Eddleman, Cecil A. Kinzie, John F. Hechler, Bret R. Young, Wm. E. Tracey, Robert E. Workeing, Mark H. Crouse, Leon H. Johns, Kenneth V. Lytle, Dr. R. W. Goebel, Everett W. Evans.

If unable to serve please call your captain.

CONGRATULATIONS! SENIORS.

Graduating Seniors of First Christian Church are: Bernadine Bogan, South Side High School; Nellie Buchanan, Elmhurst High School; Robert Curtis, Central High School; Sally Coleman, South Side High School; Mary Val Crouse, South Side High School; Karen Branstrator, Elmhurst High School; James Evans, South Side High School; Bonnie Fusselman, Central High School; Lloyd Flowers, South Side High School; Robert Gardner, Central High School; Dale Hiler, Jr., South Side High School; Carol Yoquelet, Elmhurst High School; Sylvan Young, New Haven High School; Marsha Breeden, Elmhurst High School; Karen Harris, South Side High School; Gerald Elser, Elmhurst High School.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGavran Circle will meet Tuesday afternoon, June 7th, at 1:30 at the home of Mrs. M. G. Heller, 3224 South Broadway.

The Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. Wm. Crouse, 6502 S. Calhoun St. for breakfast, Tuesday, June 7, at 9:30 A.M. Mrs. Lowell Alkire is co-hostess. Mrs. Woodhull will give devotions. Mrs. R. R. Ripple, Program.

IN HOSPITAL

Mr. Estel Grier is a patient in Parkview Hospital.

C.Y.F.

Due to the Public School activities next Sunday evening, we will not have C.Y.F. meeting.

WORLD CONVENTION

There will be no World Convention session in Toronto on Saturday afternoon, August 20. Instead the Convention delegates will be taken on a two-hour conducted tour of the city. Already 50 large busses have been chartered for this purpose. At the conclusion of this tour, about 4 o'clock, the city of Toronto will sponsor a Municipal Tea at Hart House which is a part of the attractive campus of Toronto University. This will be an afternoon of sightseeing and fellowship.



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EVERY DAY

When a man has been at odds with the eternal law and he gives up and lets himself be changed, he finds it a remarkable experience. From thereon he takes every day as it comes, gratefully. Every morning is creation—six times a week, Creation—and he and God go to work making new things and putting old things in order. At evening the two of them survey their handiwork and find it good.

Then the seventh day they rest, rejoicing together at the goodness and beauty and truth that God and a good man always do find on earth. Then—morning and creation again—and evening.

So it goes a day at a time with curbs and limits gradually forgotten in the simple majestic rhythm of heaven and earth, day and night, the seasons, and the beat, beat, beat of human hearts.

—Ronald Bridges

DAILY VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

June 13 to 24 — Each morning. Monday through Friday.

Bring your children. Those needing transportation please call Mr. John Baughman, A-97372.

SUNDAY IS CHILDREN'S DAY

Great congregation last Sunday. Fine singing. Reverent Spirit. Our Church continues to grow. Be in Church this Sunday.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M. Offertory Solo: "A Little Prayer"
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist Mrs. L. R. Mote, Soloist

Anthem: "Guide Us Through The Night" Williams
Sermon: "Heavenly Places" Minister Miss Helen Flaig, Director

SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Parents with babies and children for this service, are to have their children in Church parlor at 11:15 A.M. and there they will be prepared for this unique and beautiful service in which the congregation and minister pray for children and parents and their homes. Either call or send card if you plan to bring your little one. Call H-8611.

MEN'S FORUM — 5 to 7 P.M.

Mr. Virgil Freeman, Vice-President of North American Van Lines will speak on the subject, "The Recent Bomb Tests in Nevada." Pictures will be shown. Mr. Freeman was an eye-witness to the recent tests. Food committee: Powell A. Rayburn, Grayston Cripe, and Lester Beck.



—Black Star Photo

Mission jeeps ford streams and cross open country bearing the gospel message abroad. The sturdy vehicle shown here is being used in central India by a village uplift team.

Transportation Units Aid Mission Programs

The forty-odd trucks, jeeps and carryalls now in use by missionaries and Christian nationals abroad under The United Christian Missionary Society are vital to mission programs. In most countries where the work is being done, roads are poor, bridges few and service stations non-existent. Remote little communities in the African jungles, dusty plains of Mexico and mountains of the Philippines are spots where Christian work is most needed. Thus, the durable jeep is a boon to missionaries and their fellow-workers on the foreign fields.

Used for more than getting workers from the mission station to their outposts, jeeps often become literature display racks, medical dispensaries, or booths for audio-visual equipment when they arrive in a village. Transportation units are among the tools of the present age



—Photo by William D. Hall

Edith Clare Walden (left) displays books and tracts on a side of the Mission jeep while preaching in an Indian village.

which mission workers are using to help explain the story of Christ to people who have never heard it nor understood its meaning.

—News in Brief—

Affiliated with the Board of Higher Education of Disciples of Christ are 34 colleges in the United States and Canada. These schools produce 69 per cent of the national leadership, 70 per cent of the missionaries and 89 per cent of the ministers of Disciples of Christ churches.

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Sales literature operations of the United Society merged with those of the Christian Board of Publication July 1, 1955. Study packets, church development materials, church bulletins and church school leadership guides prepared by United Society departments in Indianapolis are now being merchandised by the Christian Board in St. Louis, Mo.

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Thanks were sent recently by Church World Service of the National Council of Churches to the Disciples of Christ Mission in the Philippines for relief given to earthquake victims last spring. Pow-

dered milk and eggs, clothing, and medicines were distributed by mission workers through an interdenominational committee.

All Peoples Choir Members Sing With Musical Goodwill Tour

Ritsuki Kawakami, choir director at All Peoples Christian Church, Los Angeles, Calif., recently returned from a three-month tour of Asia and South America. She was a member of a choir composed of singers of various racial and cultural backgrounds. The group was sponsored by the U.S. State Department for the purpose of sending a goodwill group abroad to speak through music, the "international language."

Other All Peoples church choristers on the tour were Kay Kokubun, associate minister and Fran Thom.

All Peoples church choir is composed almost entirely of young people. The director, Miss Ritsuko Kawakami (left foreground) is shown leading the interracial chorus.



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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15

Children's Day Offering will be received

The Church School departments and classes will meet in Fellowship at 9:35 at which time a film will be shown in connection with the Children's Day Program.

CHILDREN'S DAY GOALS: Men's Class 10; Ladies Class 12; Friendly Class 20; Progressive 30; Come-Double 50; Offering \$2.50 average per adult. High School 30 average offering \$1.75. Junior High 12; Upper Junior 20; Lower Junior 25; Primary 30; Kindergarten 35; Nursery 30 \$1.13 per pupil.

C.Y.F. — 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

The C.Y.F. members are requested to bring a sack lunch this Sunday evening. There will be Election of Officers, Worship, Study and Recreation.

SENIOR BREAKFAST

43 attended the breakfast sponsored by the C.Y.F. for the graduating Seniors in the Church last Sunday morning at the Hobby House. They attended worship.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Esther Circle will meet on Monday, June 13, at 6:30 P.M. for a carry-in supper at the home of Mrs. R. Blaine Jones, 3809 Brentwood. Supper will be followed by study and devotions.

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. Myron Cole, 450 Clermont on Tuesday, June 14, at 7:30. Mrs. Robert Rayl is co-hostess.

The Fellowship Guild will have a picnic Monday, June 13, at 6:15 P.M. at the home of Miss Ethel Shroyer. Mrs. Sarah Smith is in charge of the program. Devotions by Mrs. Robert T. Beck. The group will have installation of officers.

Ordination Service

Our pastor assisted in the Ordination of Maxwell P. Smith at the Northwood Christian Church in Indianapolis last Sunday. Mr. Smith is the State Director of Men's Work and the father of our own Maxwell Smith, Jr., — an attorney in Fort Wayne.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in the church parlor on Sunday afternoon, June 12, from 2:30 to 5:30 P.M. The members of the church are invited but are requested to bring no gifts.

NEW BABY

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Golden, R. R. 13, Wallen Road, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pennington are the proud grandparents.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth V. Lytle in the loss of a baby daughter who passed away at birth on June 2.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs. Fern Teeple, secretary of Fort Wayne Art School for the past ten years, has been awarded the Thieme Incentive Award for spcial study at the University of Kentucky. Mrs. Teeple is one of our fine members and we wish to congratulate her on receiving this honor.

Elders serving next Sunday are: Floyd E. Morrical and Harold W. Crowder.

IN HOSPITAL

Mr. John Jefferies is a patient in Room 220, Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Glenn Miller suffered a back injury while vacationing in Florida and is confined to his bed.

OFFERINGS SUNDAY, JUNE 5th.

Current Fund	\$ 506.88
Building Fund	680.45
Church School	30.27
TOTAL	\$1,217.60



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Sunday, June 19, 1955
APPRECIATION SUNDAY

For Our Pastor

ROBERT T. BECK
in charge of the Trustees
of the Church

Hon. Alexander M. Campbell will preside. Our minister's favorite song to be sung by Robert E. Cocherille. "I'll Walk With God", from "The Student Prince". There will be short talks by representative people. Others appearing on the program include Mrs. Fern Teeple, Maxwell P. Smith, attorney, Sherman G. Myers, president of the Board of Trustees. Response will be given by our pastor.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M. Offertory Anthem: Sanctuary Choir
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"

by Andrews—Miss Helen Flaig, Director

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Children's Day Offering \$163.84

C.Y.F. AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The High School Choir and C.Y.F. are having a party at Pokagon State Park next Sunday, June 19. The group will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Baughman, 1205 No Anthony at 1:15. Each person bring table service and one covered dish. Parents who will drive please call Mrs. Baughman, A-97372.

NEW OFFICERS — C.Y.F.

Miss Martha Beck, President; Miss Kay Baughman, Vice-President; Miss Nancy Hill, Secretary; Miss Marilyn Stigers, Treasurer.



Sra. Joaquina Lopez de Lara, seated center, is president of the Women's Societies of Christian churches. With her are other members of the women's work executive committee.

More Women's Groups than Churches in Mexico

For women, Christian churches in Mexico have a Women's Society which is similar to the Christian Women's Fellowship in the United States and Canada. For the 13 churches of the Disciples of Christ in Mexico, there are 14

Women's Societies. Senorita Luisa Garcia is general secretary of the women's work.

The Disciples' program is a part of a National Union of Christian Women's Societies, interdenominational, which was organized at the National Evangelical Convention in 1922 at Toluca. Women in Christian churches began having semi-organized programs between 1900 and 1903, Srta. Garcia relates, explaining that some groups helped bring children to Sunday schools. Other groups formed evangelistic teams. The groups developed separately until the 1922 convention gave them a unifying organization.

The National Union now provides an annual book of weekly programs for local groups to use and publishes *Antorcha*, a monthly missionary bulletin. Of the Disciples' societies, three are in cities and 11 in rural areas.

—News in Brief—

During a heavy downpour of rain, 44 persons were baptized in the Congo River at Coquilhatville, Belgian Congo, on Dec. 12.

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The 30 major church bodies affiliated with the National Council of Churches produced 58,400 radio broadcasts and telecasts last year.

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Homer P. Gamboe, Disciples of Christ missionary to India since 1921, has joined the staff of Church World Service for southeastern Asia.

Africa Committee Re-elects Virgil Sly

Dr. Virgil A. Sly has been re-elected chairman of the Africa Committee of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. He is the head of the foreign missions division of The United Christian Missionary Society. The election is for a three-year term as head of the group having missions and other Christian interests in Africa.

Jarvis Seniors Turn In Projects to Advisors

The deadline for submitting senior projects at Jarvis Christian College was April 1. At the Christian church-related college at Hawkins, Texas, each graduating student submits a project in the subject on which he concentrated his college studies.

A project indicates a student's ability to apply academic knowledge to practical uses. Every student majoring in religious education turns in to his advisor a project related to the educational program of the Church.



—RNS Photo

Publishers Clean Up Comic Books

This seal of approval is appearing on all "comic books" meeting the standards of the Code of Ethics of the Comics Magazine Association of America. The Code has been adopted by most of the publishers of comic magazines in the United States in order to eliminate comics which are offensive to public taste.

The Code was established by the publishers themselves, but follows many campaigns in recent years by church groups, educators, civic clubs, parents and others to stop a growing flood of offensive "comic" magazines.

The publishers' association has secured Charles P. Murphy, a former New York City magistrate, to administer its decency code. Submitting his first list of the magazines conforming to the Code, Mr. Murphy said that more than 400 of them being published early this year bear the seal of approval.

Compassion Offerings Go to Disaster Relief



At Pusan, Korea, the S.S. Pacific Bear unloads livestock given by American Christians to Heifer Project, Inc., to restore Korea's agriculture and thereby its food supply.

Nearly one-half of the Week of Compassion offerings Christians made earlier this year are being used by Christian relief and reconstruction agencies. Church World Service, a unit of the National Council of Churches, is using its share in a \$9,500,000 aid program being developed this year.

There are other church-related organizations for social service sharing in Week of Compassion funds. Among them are the Christian Rural Overseas Program, CARE, Heifer Project and similar work of the World Council of Churches.

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Because of the party at Pokagon State Park the young people will not meet this Sunday evening.

Those going to Summer Conference will be leaving June 26th and return July 2nd.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

The Vacation Church School had a great start Monday. The children enjoyed free rides on the "Merry-go-round" from 8:30 - 9:00 A.M. Classes have interesting programs, and the children are having a fine experience.

You may bring your child for the second week even though he may not have been in school the first week. There have been 134 registrations. There are 33 teachers and assistants. On Friday, June 24th at 7:30 p.m. there will be a reception for parents and friends.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship will meet for a carry-in dinner at 6:30 next Monday evening, June 20. The Esther Circle will have charge of the dinner. The Program—"State Convention Highlights" viewpoint of minister, Robert T. Beck and laywoman, Mrs. Alma Beck. Mrs. Charles Dare is in charge of worship. Installation of new officers by Mrs. Charles Dare.

CHURCH SOFTBALL

The team has started its Summer schedule with a loss to Third Presbyterian by 21-6. We lost one but we gained in knowledge of our mistakes. We still want more boys to join us. In a few weeks we will have new shirts and caps. Our next games are Thursday, June 16 at McMillan Park at 8:45 P.M. and Tuesday, June 21st, at West Swinney Park at 8:45 P.M. COME OUT AND CHEER THE BOYS ON.

APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Sigrist wish to thank their many friends for the good wishes and greeting cards which they received at their 50th wedding anniversary. Also their appreciation to the Gish Circle for the fine way they served at the reception.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coar will receive friends at their home on Suburban Drive Sunday, June 19th from 2 to 6 in the afternoon, in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. They have one son, Robert, and a grandson. Friends are requested not to send or bring gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Coar were married June 22, 1905.

SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE BABIES

The following children were presented in the Service for Blessing the Children. Karen Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Griffin; Pamela Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Meadows; Deborah Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders; Deborah Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grayston Cripe; Jill Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brubaker; Kim Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Garrett; William Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cook; Thomas Porter, son, and Katherine Ann, daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yoder; Terrance J. son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Dale Smith.

God bless these lovely children, their parents and their homes. Mrs. Chester Follis and Mrs. John Menke assisted the minister in the Service.

OFFERINGS SUNDAY

Current Operating	\$ 518.43
Building Fund	538 85
Church School	163.84

TOTAL\$1221.12

Our people are supporting our great church. Our Honor Roll will appear the first weeks in July.

Our Brotherhood year ends June 30th. Make this a record year. Bring your giving up-to-date for a great and grateful Brotherhood whose work of teaching, preaching, mercy, is around the world.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers next Sunday are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien in honor of their wedding anniversary.



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PAUL C. KEPPLER,
Living Link of The First Christian
Church for 25 Years

will be our guest of honor and will occupy the pulpit. First Christian, a great brotherhood Church, has all these years supported the world work of our Church. Paul Kepple, doing an unusual piece of work in Mexico, will have a message for us that will enlighten us and do us good.

We will have a carry-in dinner for our entire church membership following Church Service on Sunday. Bring table service and covered dish.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Adult and High School Choirs

Organ Prelude and Tower Bells 10:25 A.M. Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist. Anthem: "If With All Your Hearts" Mendelssohn, Miss Helen Flaig, director

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Our young people going to Conference will leave following the dinner in honor of Mr. Kepple. 42 Parents and Young people attended the picnic at Pokagon last Sunday.

Commissioning Service at 10:30 A.M.

LAST SUNDAY

Our Choir and the soloist, Robert Cocherille excelled. Glorious music last Sunday. Wonderful greetings from friends in the Community. Stirring responses from Mrs. Fern Teeple, Maxwell Smith, Sherman G. Myers. First Christian has able and competent leadership in her officers.

30 years an ordained minister! And our pastor loves his high calling!

A record was made of the complete service and will be given to our pastor and his family. Additional records are available. Our inimitable Alexander Campbell presided. He cannot be surpassed. Special flowers were from Alexander and Thomas Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cocherille and Miss Doris Beck, our pastor's sister.

Nepal Asks Christians To Send Medical Mission

The Kingdom of Nepal has invited Christians to enter the country to perform medical services. On the United Medical Mission team that has been chosen is Miss Elizabeth Hill, a highly skilled registered nurse and Disciples of Christ missionary to India. While an advance team has already entered Nepal, Miss Hill, four other Americans and other personnel expect to assume their duties in Katmandu, the Nepalese capital city, this summer.

Straddling part of the Himalaya mountain range between India and Tibet, Nepal refused entry to most outsiders until 1950, and even now only about 50 Westerners reside there. The nation of seven million persons is strongly Buddhist. Trachoma, elephantiasis and cholera plague the people, and the country has meager medical facilities and no nurses. A clinic operated at Katmandu previously served men only.

The mission is setting up several clinics and a maternity and child welfare center. In Katmandu, it is also



Joining the Nepal medical mission is nurse Elizabeth Hill who formerly served in India.

—News in Brief—

There are 471 church-related colleges in the United States, reports *The Religious Newsweekly*.

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The nationwide United Church Men has launched a campaign to inform churchmen about the needs of private colleges. The information is aimed at securing "finer and better support" for colleges that do not receive tax support.

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The Yakima Indian Christian Mission was established in 1921.

taking over operation of a 30-bed hospital.

Cooperating in the mission besides Disciples of Christ are the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., the Methodists, Swedish Baptists and the Church of Scotland. In extending the invitation, the late King Tribhubana of Nepal stipulated that the mission be international and interdenominational, a pattern that is expected to set a precedent for future missionary developments.

In February, Donald F. West and Kenneth Potee made an administrative tour of Nepal. Mr. West supervises three Asian mission fields for The United Christian Missionary Society and recently completed a four-month assignment in the Far East. Mr. Potee is secretary of the Disciples of Christ India mission.

Typical Preacher Does More for the Church Than Predecessor Did

The typical Protestant minister in the United States today faces many more problems than did any pastor before him, concludes Dr. Samuel W. Blizard, sociologist, from an 18-month nationwide study of the functions of the parish minister. To meet the needs of his parish, the minister has to be a pastor, administrator, counsellor, priest, educator, organizer and social actionist.

Two-thirds of the ministers serve churches with Sunday school enrollments of less than 400, and half of the clergy do not have any official help. Only seven per cent have served their present pastorate for as long as 10 years.

Personally, the typical minister is married, has two children, owns a car and has a slim bank account. Also, he is the best educated preacher in history.

Language Practice Lesson

While learning the language of Thailand, missionary Jose Estoye from the Philippines practiced by talking with carpenters working at Sam Yek mission center. One workman, upon discovering that the missionary had a wife and family, was perplexed. As a priest, how could Mr. Estoye be married? Buddhist priests must not marry.

Exerting his limited vocabulary, Mr. Estoye explained that a Buddhist priest may resign any time, but a Christian missionary is a minister for life and his wife, far from impairing his virtue, is often a great strength to him. A family, Mr. Estoye stressed, is a blessing.

Thoughtfully, the workman returned to his labor.

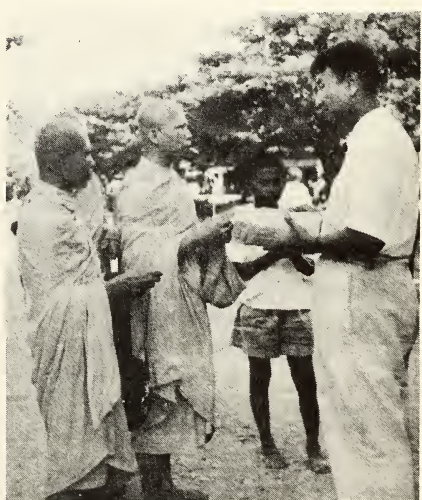


—RNS Photo

Rev. Henry Armstrong, the only boxer to hold three world titles at one time, holds symbols of his two greatest interests in life.

New Zealand Registers Fifteen for Toronto

New Zealand churches will have some 15 persons at the World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples) in Toronto, Ontario, Aug. 16-21, according to word received by convention general secretary Jesse M. Bader in New York City.



In Thailand, evangelist Kru Ta Nong sells Christian scriptures to Buddhist priests.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Family Night is Friday night, June 24 at 7:30. The children will give a program for parents and friends which will include singing, and the showing of exhibits followed by refreshments. John Baughman will preside.

NOTE CHANGE OF TIME JULY 3rd FOR SUMMER

Church School 9:15 A.M. No openings.

Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.

Offerings received Sunday, June 19th—

Church Operating	\$524.86
Church Building	418.60
Church School	32.37
Conference	7.25
Vacation Church School	49.29

TOTAL.....\$1,032.37

OUR PASTOR

I deeply appreciate the special service held in my honor last Sunday. I sincerely want to thank the Board of Trustees, for this gracious thing which they have done. I have deep gratitude for each and every one who participated in word or music and for the dear members of our beloved congregation who were present on such a warm Sunday. May the love of Christ fill all your hearts and bind us closer to him and to one another in the bond of peace, love and unity. Mrs. Beck and Martha join me in these words of appreciation.

Your friend and pastor,
Robert T. Beck.

NEW BABIES IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A son, Douglas Raymond, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Chapman June 20. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Finnell are the proud grandparents.

Baby to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schnobel on June 19. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ashe are the proud grandparents.

A little girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wright, Montgomery, Ala., on June 11th. Mr. and Mrs. Milo Miller are the grandparents and Mrs. Wright was Marylin Miller.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mrs. Mallie Reidt is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital Room 329.

Mrs. Alice Varner is a patient in room 217, St. Joseph's Hospital.

Miss Pearl Heidecker is ill at her home, 4001 Indiana.

Little Miss Janet Plummer was injured recently in a bike accident.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The regular Chancel flowers are the gift of Miss Ethel Shroyer and Mrs. Donald C. Smith in memory of their father.

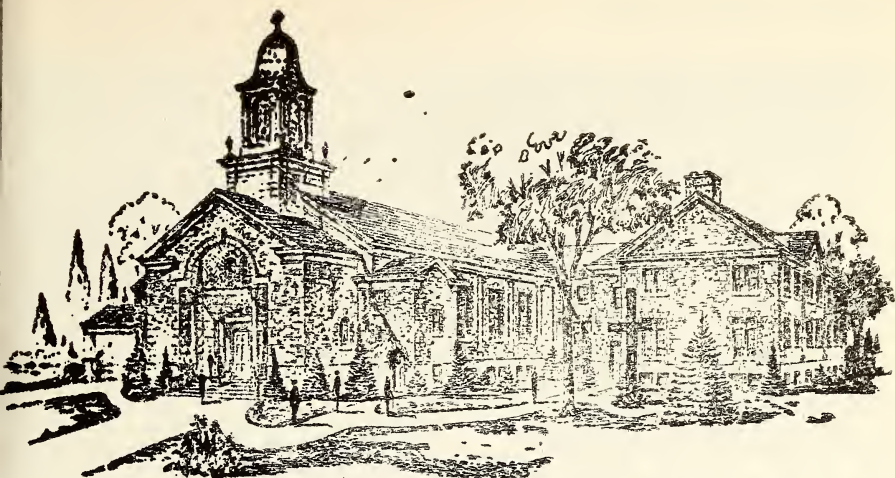
The beauty vases are from the weddings of Miss Marilyn Crouse and Miss Elizabeth Evans.

CORDIALLY

The members of First Christian are cordially invited to attend the wedding of Miss Marilyn Crouse on Saturday, June 25 at 6:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary.

SOS — CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The C.W.F. is having a HOUSECLEANING WORK DAY at the church on Thursday, June 30th. Bring cleaning cloths and a lunch and come to the church around 9:30 A.M. We will need all the hands we can secure to clean our kitchen and dining hall. We promise you a good time and a cool place to work. "Many hands make light work."



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"The Cosmic religious experience is the strongest and noblest driving force . . . Never lose a holy curiosity. Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value. He is considered successful in our day who gets more out of life than he puts in. But a man of value will give more than he receives." These great words from the great Albert Einstein cut through and are basic. Jesus said in another way, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." "If you lose your life you shall find it." Forgetting self, eager to see another grow for God in personality and power brings far greater value than to be eager to see one's garden grow for the food you may can and preserve.

At Church, on Sunday, you can get this finer perspective broken into your individual needs.

COME TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

SUMMER SERVICES

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:00 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 9:55 A.M.

Special: "The Land of Hope and Glory"

Mrs. Robert Scott, Organist

by Elgar

Mrs. J. E. Weicker, Soloist

Sermon: "Forgive Us"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Classes will omit opening exercises during Summer schedule, going directly into the lesson period.

The Junior High Class, Mr. Charles Hobbs, teacher, accumulated \$10.00 which was presented to the Church with a request that a tree or some item of shrubbery be purchased. We thank the members of this Class for this fine contribution toward beautifying the church grounds.

Y CHURCH SOFTBALL

We now have a 2-2 record so far this season. The team got a boost in spirit by getting their new shirts and caps, but they also could use some fan support. All games are played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and are always listed in the newspapers, so come on out and watch the boys play ball.



—Black Star Photo

Mission jeeps ford streams and cross open country bearing the gospel message abroad. The sturdy vehicle shown here is being used in central India by a village uplift team.

Transportation Units Aid Mission Programs

The forty-odd trucks, jeeps and carryalls now in use by missionaries and Christian nationals abroad under The United Christian Missionary Society are vital to mission programs. In most countries where the work is being done, roads are poor, bridges few and service stations non-existent. Remote little communities in the African jungles, dusty plains of Mexico and mountains of the Philippines are spots where Christian work is most needed. Thus, the durable jeep is a boon to missionaries and their fellow-workers on the foreign fields.

Used for more than getting workers from the mission station to their outposts, jeeps often become literature display racks, medical dispensaries, or booths for audio-visual equipment when they arrive in a village. Transportation units are among the tools of the present age



—Photo by William D. Hall

Edith Clare Walden (left) displays books and tracts on a side of the Mission jeep while preaching in an Indian village.

which mission workers are using to help explain the story of Christ to people who have never heard it nor understood its meaning.

—News in Brief—

Affiliated with the Board of Higher Education of Disciples of Christ are 34 colleges in the United States and Canada. These schools produce 69 per cent of the national leadership, 70 per cent of the missionaries and 89 per cent of the ministers of Disciples of Christ churches.

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Sales literature operations of the United Society merged with those of the Christian Board of Publication July 1, 1955. Study packets, church development materials, church bulletins and church school leadership guides prepared by United Society departments in Indianapolis are now being merchandised by the Christian Board in St. Louis, Mo.

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Thanks were sent recently by Church World Service of the National Council of Churches to the Disciples of Christ Mission in the Philippines for relief given to earthquake victims last spring. Pow-

dered milk and eggs, clothing, and medicines were distributed by mission workers through an interdenominational committee.

All Peoples Choir Members Sing With Musical Goodwill Tour

Ritsuki Kawakami, choir director at All Peoples Christian Church, Los Angeles, Calif., recently returned from a three-month tour of Asia and South America. She was a member of a choir composed of singers of various racial and cultural backgrounds. The group was sponsored by the U.S. State Department for the purpose of sending a goodwill group abroad to speak through music, the "international language."

Other All Peoples church choristers on the tour were Kay Kokubun, associate minister and Fran Thom.

All Peoples church choir is composed almost entirely of young people. The director, Miss Ritsuko Kawakami (left foreground) is shown leading the interracial chorus.



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VACATION SCHOOL

Our Vacation School was a great success with 145 pupils. 46 people participated in this school as teachers, assistants, refreshment and transportation committees. Fine projects were carried through. On the lighter side were the play periods, the merry-go-round and rides on the ponies. Thanks to all who had a part.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN CONFERENCE

5 fellows and 8 young women are at Christian Camp at Lake Barbee. They are as follows: Robin Miller, John Young, Dan Mikeworth, Michael Symms, and Robert Workman. The young ladies are: Misses Kay Baughman, Dorothy Baughman, Martha J. Beck, Barbara Griffith, Peggy McFarland, Martha Lehman, Barbara Staley and Arlene Smell.

Miss Martha J. Beck has been elected co-president of the conference.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES — 10:00 A.M.

OFFERINGS — January through June 1955

General Operating Account	\$13,529.63
Building Fund Account	12,486.28
Church School	1,513.33

TOTAL.....\$27,529.24

The Honor Roll will be published beginning next week. Those with paid up pledges for first six months of this year make up the Honor Roll.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The C.W.F. has completely liquidated their indebtedness by paying \$1300. Bonus checks were sent to Emily Flynn Home, Cleveland Home for children and Paul Kepple.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. E. T. Fusselman. 1308 E. Wayne St., on Tuesday afternoon, July 5 at 1:30 P.M.

NEW BABY IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Bryant Scott, little son, born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl on June 28th. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller are the proud grandparents.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

July 3	—Eural G. Rose — Cecil Rice.
July 10	—John E. Merrill — Albert Egly
July 17	—Grayston Cripe — Charles Fuchshuber
July 24	—Dale Parkerson — David A. Griggs
July 31	—David Griggs — B. W. Leversee

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

Captain, Delmas Young, A-16500. Homer Stevenson, Powell A. Rayburn, Rolland R. Ripple, Allen Garee, Kenneth K. Kern, Leslie C. Green, Charles W. Staley, Ralph J. Richard, Arthur C. Lyon, William Caldwell, Wm. P. Vunora.

Pastor's Committee for July—Mr. Landis R. Mote and Mr. Robert H. Hill.

Co-chairmen for July—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Yoder.

Deaconess for July—Mrs. Arthur C. Lyon.

Chairman for July, Woman's Hospitality Commission—Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet on Tuesday evening July 5th at 8 P.M. at the Church.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers this Sunday are the gift of Mr. Donald C. Smith in memory of his mother.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Merl Teeters is ill at her home, with a broken wrist.

Mrs. Maurice Casey is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.



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A CARVER OF GOD

As the sculptor works in wood and stone,
I would devote myself to a living soul.
But I face the solemn thought that the sculptor cannot carve either in wood or
in stone, anything better than himself—
All the lines of my carving will but reveal my own soul.
Gazing at my hand, my chisel, I shudder!
How long will it take for this human sculpture which I can never carve better or
finer than my own soul?
How shall I escape, how escape from my pitiable, limited self, and rise to become
a carver of God?
Happily, there is a guide for me; One Who has opened the door of the sanctuary,
One Who in His living flesh
Has given us the image of the Living God.

—Kagawa

TAKE GOD WITH YOU

ON YOUR VACATION "Want to get away from it all?" O but to take God on
your vacation is to find meaning in all you see, opportunity for kindness. As you
drive your car it will be with care—Our inheritance for the past ages speaks of
men who dwelt alone and walked with God, heard His still small voice and found
salvation.

ON YOUR WAY TO CHURCH

If you are here in the city or on a visit take God with you to Church every
Sunday. Here you can unburden the cares that have accumulated—Here you can
take on ideas that will be as wings to your mind. Here find substance that gives
strength to your best purposes—Here find fulfillment to the miracle of the presence
where two or three are gathered. Here in Church you find value for your life and
the plan of God, with forgiveness and peace. Refresh your soul—Take God with
you on your way to church.

Summer Services MORNING WORSHIP — 10:00 A.M.

Organ Prelude 9:55 A.M.
Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Special Music:
"The Stranger of Galilee" Morris
Mrs. L. R. Mote, Soloist
Mrs. L. R. Mote, Soloist
Preacher: Our Pastor

Report of Conferees
Sermon: "What Will You Do With It"

SUMMER WORSHIP — 10:00 A.M.

Great crowd for church Sunday—Good singing.
Young people will give short report of High School Conference at Lake Barbee.



Christian youth volunteered to go to Jamaica to build the New Bethel church in 1953. Last summer and again this season, youth are enlisted for Christian service projects.

Youth To Work in Mission and Welfare Projects

A crew of a dozen or more Christian young people from the United States is expected to go to Pabellon, Mexico, in July to help with construction of a Protestant youth camp. The participa-

tion of American youth has been arranged by The United Christian Missionary Society, the international board of Christian education and missions of Christian Churches with offices in Indianapolis.

—News in Brief—

This year for the first time in the history of the Church Architectural Guild of America, modern design churches have won all of its annual awards.

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For Sunday school teachers in Christian Churches, four special sessions will be held in conjunction with the International Sunday School Convention to be held in Cleveland, O., July 27-31.

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"Indian Americans" is the home missions theme study groups in many Christian Churches will take up next month and continue for six months.

The Mexico project is one of several summer vacation services the United Society is placing young people in this year. Other youth are doing social welfare work at All Peoples Church and Avalon Community Center in Los Angeles. Another team is rebuilding a church in Jamaica, British West Indies, that was destroyed by a hurricane last season. At Flanner House in Indianapolis, some youth are working in a housing project, cultivating gardens and helping in home canning of fruits and vegetables.

The United Society has also placed youth workers in migrant labor camps, orphanages, industry and World Council of Churches work camps overseas.

White Swan High School Honors Yakima Athlete

One of the boys at Yakima Indian Christian Mission is expected to make a near clean sweep of athletic honors at White Swan, Wash., high school this year. He is Tom Estimo, a senior and Yakima Indian.

All Tom has yet to receive are baseball awards. He has already won nearly every football and basketball honor. Sports writers and coaches have already named him their Inspirational Player of the year, and referees also extend their praise.

Tom came to the mission to live 12 years ago. Since then he has become a Christian and is now a junior deacon of the mission church.

For the future, Tom plans on going to college. An outstanding student, he has been interested in agriculture but



—Copyright by Karsch, Toronto
President Edgar Gordon Burton, above, will open the fifth World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples) at Toronto on Aug. 16.

thinks in college he may study toward becoming an athletic coach. He is an active member of the Future Farmers of America and is also a fine artist.

When members of the 'round-the-world missions tour reached Tokyo, Japan, this spring, they were guests at a Japanese style dinner. Standing is Disciples missionary Vern Rossman.

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Chi Rho Youth will leave for Camp July 17th. Patricia Jean Jackson, Michael Young, Robert Young, Frank Baughman, John Johnston are among those attending. Young, Robert Young, Frank Baughman, John Johnston and Beatrice Rice are among those attending.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers this week are the gift of Tom and Mr. A. M. Campbell.

OUR SYMPATHY

Mrs. Malvena Reidt, a member of this church, died Sunday afternoon, following a long illness. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

HONOR ROLL

Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Alkire, Mrs. Ethel Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. H. Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Baughman, Mrs. Alma Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Beck, Patricia Beck, Mrs. Grace Bell, Mr. and Mrs. John Z. Berlien, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Betz, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bogan, Mrs. Clover Branstrator, Karen Branstrator, William Branstrator, Mrs. Hilda Geyer Brown, Mrs. Ellen E. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Buchanan, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter, Miss Ruth Burris, Mrs. Glenn Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carpenter, Mr. Robert F. Carson, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coar, Mrs. Wm. Coblentz, Mrs. Wm. J. Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. John Cooney, Miss Emma Crabill, Mr. and Mrs. Grayston Cripe, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Mrs. Charles E. Dare, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Dicks, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Ditton, Mrs. R. E. Douglas, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mr. and Mrs. Farlin Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly, Mrs. Ida Mae England, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber, Miss Bonnie Fusselman, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Mrs. Laura Gildea, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Gresham, Larry Gresham, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie C. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Jim N. Griffin, Mrs. Irene Hamman, Stevens Hand, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hobbs, Miss Mildred Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. John Hechler, Mrs. Forrest Hoover, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody.
(Continued next week).

OFFERINGS — JULY 3

General Operating Account	\$ 448.15
Building Fund Account	574.80
Church School Account	15.07

\$1,038.02

THE USE OF "REVEREND"

We quote the following from Campbell's "Millennial Harbinger" 1853:

Query: "Is it in accordance with the teaching of the Head of the Church, for her Elders or Evangelists to assume the honorary title of Reverend?"

Answer: "The Christian Church has no honorary titles to confer upon any of her members. Her titles are all official, and refer to a work, or class of duties to be performed. 'The titles of Reverend, Right Reverend, Most Reverend, Reverend Father in God, Reverend and Holy Father, Most Reverend and Holy Father, Lord God the Pope, are all titles of the same category, and we have placed them in the ascending series, from the positive of spiritual pride to the superlative of blasphemy.

"These are all contraband wares in the city of our God, but very saleable and desirable in Babylon the Great, where the articles are manufactured. The Great Teacher inhibits all such titles and distinctions amongst his followers. 'Call no man Rabbi, or Father, for all ye are brethren.' You all are, professedly, alike holy. 'To the saints at Corinth,' 'To the saints at Philippi.' Nor are they without titles and honors; which, unlike those impious assumptions above named, are worthily conferred by Him who knoweth the hearts. They are styled Kings and Priests—a Royal Priesthood—and are co-heirs with the Lord of the universe."

PASTOR'S COMMITTEE

Frank C. Hill has been chosen as a member of the Pastor's Committee and will serve with Landis R. Mote during July.

REMEMBER! — Summer Worship — 10:00 A.M.



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GROWING RELIGIOUS INTEREST

There is a growing religious interest. It is seen in many places. More and more families look upon Sunday as Church day. Members in large numbers are not mere observers or spectators. They are really on the inside working and pulling. When men and women actively bring the love of God in the spirit of Christ to people, religion becomes real and vital.

Literally millions of people in these United States are working and serving in the Church. Schools and Classes have come into being to teach and train members to be competent and skilled workers.

A look at our own church reveals we have been in the van — For years we have had Classes in Evangelism. We have had clinics for teachers and officers. This Fall we will have training in spiritual evangelism.

How much time are so-called laymen giving to the Church. Some are giving full time. Our State Director Max P. Smith, is an example of one who left a fine business profession to give his life to Men's Work. Retired people often give hours every week. Young men and women, husbands and wives as co-chairman couples, devote major attention to the work of the Church.

For all who will work there are jobs to do. New and joyous spiritual experience await those who with right motives participate in the life of the Church.

SUMMER SERVICES

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:00 A.M.

Organ Prelude 9:55

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Special Music: "Sweet Will of God"

by Morris

Duet: Mr. and Mrs. John H. Baughman

Preacher: Our Pastor

Sermon: "Our Responsibility"

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Opening exercises are omitted for the Summer

Members of the High School choir and the Sanctuary Choir who are in Church on Sunday please sing with the choir, or anyone interested and would like to sing are welcome.

Mr. H. W. Sigrist at Indianapolis

On Thursday Mr. Sigrist will give the president's address at the National Convention of the American Auctioneers Association. His picture with Mrs. Sigrist, appeared in the recent number of the Auctioneer Magazine. This has been a busy year for Mr. Sigrist as he has been called upon to give addresses across the country at State Conventions of this organization.

Mr. Robert E. Cocherille will be on the program as soloist and Mrs. Cocherille will accompany him on the piano.

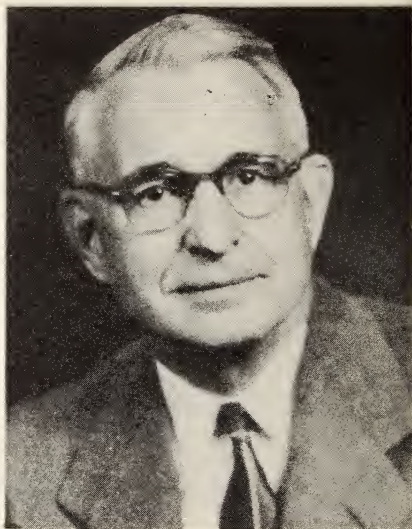
Remember Morning Worship — 10 A.M.

Missionary Executive Retires—"Sort Of"

"Maker of missionaries," Dr. E. K. Higdon retired June 30 as head of selection and training for missionaries of The United Christian Missionary Society. More than half of the 230 missionaries now serving qualified under a system begun by him in 1943.

A missionary himself for 20 years, Dr. Higdon succeeded Dr. Alexander Paul as head of UCMS oriental missions in 1939. He was later put in charge of recruiting and training new missionaries. He visited Latin American and Far Eastern missions surveying needs for personnel.

Under the new system of selection and training, fewer persons have withdrawn from service after having become missionaries and those in service are generally better trained and serving longer. The work of Dr. Higdon and the United Society has been commended by leaders doing similar work for other



Retiring is Dr. E. K. Higdon, the man who counselled 133 missionaries already serving Disciples of Christ overseas.

—News in Brief—

Three out of every four members of Protestant churches are secured through their church schools, estimates the National Council of Churches.

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A bill is before Congress to adopt a "Pray for Peace" postmark on U.S. mail.

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More than 50,000 students in colleges have listed their preference for churches of the Disciples of Christ. There are some 1,800 colleges and universities in the United States.

Protestant bodies. Recently Agricultural Missions, Inc., cited Dr. Higdon for his contributions.

If personal plans work out, Dr. Higdon will go to the Philippines in September. In Manila, he will be minister to students at a new chapel of the University of the Philippines, and Mrs. Higdon will teach at Union Theological Seminary, also in Manila.

The American Bible Society began producing special editions for the blind in 1835. Since then, it has distributed 480,282 volumes and recordings which have been prepared in 40 languages and systems and are used world-wide.

Groups Study Government Plan to Abandon Indians

Included in the current topic of "Indian Americans" being studied by many church groups is a federal plan to end land trusteeship. Timely to the study as related to current events is the question, "Will the sudden change really be freedom for those living on reservations?"

First Wedding in New Yakima Indian Church Is for Mission Girl

On Easter Sunday afternoon, the first wedding was held in the new Yakima Indian Christian Church at

White Swan, Wash. It united Arlene Wesley, who for 12 years prior to her marriage lived at the Yakima mission, and Ernest C. James. Officiating at the formal ceremony was mission minister-director Malcolm Norment.

In 1953, the former Miss Wesley was Miss Indian America and the first from tribes in the United States. At the mission, she was an outstanding leader and student.

Following the ceremony, 250 persons attended a reception for the couple, who now live in Seattle where he is a planning engineer for Boeing Aircraft Company.

Opened last September, the new church has been quickly made a center of community life and is a boon to evangelistic efforts.

From homes on the Yakima Indian reservation, children come to the Yakima Indian Christian Mission to attend Sunday school. Shown is entrance to main building.



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"AS THE TWIG IS BENT . . ."

A personnel director of one of America's largest corporations says that the thing he looks for particularly in hiring the young men from whom the company will be picking its future executives someday is the ability to accept responsibility. "The technical end of the business we can teach them—in fact, we'd prefer to do that teaching ourselves—but if they haven't had any training in tackling responsibilities they've got two strikes against—and we avoid poor batters if we can," he said. "You would be astonished if you knew how difficult it is to find young men who are able to take on an assignment—even a small one—and do it—without having to have somebody stand over them. If I were to advise parents on how to bring up their children, I would urge that they drill them everlasting in carrying out responsibilities, starting almost as soon as they are able to walk. The greatest gift a father can give his son is experience in doing job after job, under his own steam. Farm boys and boys in small towns have "chores" which provide this precious training but to provide such training for city boys requires a lot of dedicated ingenuity.

—Whatsoever Things

OUR SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. Laurence Coleman and family in the recent loss of a sister.

AMONG OUR SICK

Larry Coffman is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gernhardt in the birth of a little daughter, Penny Sue, born July 6. Mr. and Mrs. M. Gindlesparger are the proud grandparents.

We wish to congratulate Mrs. Ethel Allen on the birth of a grandson, Keith Rex Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Allen are the proud parents.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

The following have paid their pledges in full for the first six months:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clendenen, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Eddleman, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mrs. Mack Gaunt, Mrs. John Hoop, Mr. and Mrs. James Hirschy, Mr. and Mrs. Olos Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. John Jefferies, Mr. and Mrs. Leon H. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. R. Blaine Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kern, Mrs. Oscar Kiefer, Mr. and Mrs. Meldren S. Kreps, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Lear, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ledbetter, Miss Donna Leverage, Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Linn, Mrs. Emily Lowman, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Lyon, Richard Lyon, Mr. J. J. McCarel, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick O. Mackel, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Marks, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Marquart, Mrs. Mary C. Martindale, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Merriman, Mrs. E. T. Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller, Mrs. Leo E. Miller, Mrs. Milo F. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Moody, Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Mote, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Munro, Miss Dorothy Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. J. Neal, Mrs. Lois Piher, Mr. and Mrs. Scott B. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Powell A. Rayburn, Mrs. Nelle C. Reed, Miss Sharon Richhart, Mrs. F. H. Rogers, Wendell G. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Miss Lenore Rousseau.
(Continued next week)

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On July 18 at 8 p.m. the Executive Committee only will hold a business session, in the church parlor. Elected Executive officers, Leaders, Vice-leaders, Secretaries and treasurers of all groups are members of the Executive Committee. Please try to be present at this first meeting of the new year. August is Vacation month. There will be no meetings. The next regular meeting of the General Fellowship will be on Monday, September 19th.

OFFERINGS—JULY 10

General Operating Account	\$ 469.12
Building Fund Account	386.50
Church School	30.62

TOTAL.....\$ 886.24
For July to-date\$1924.26



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1955-56 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EMPHASIS

The Church must teach. Any Church who fails here is not fulfilling its great Commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel," is followed by "Teaching Them." In our world spiritual values are frequently given secondary place to material things. The church's responsibility is to teach.

This year 1955 is the 175th Anniversary of the Sunday School. In 1780 the first Sunday School met when Robert Raikes gathered boys from the streets of Gloucester, England and began teaching them on Sundays. The Disciples of Christ are a teaching Communion. We, at First Christian, being a part of the Disciples of Christ will enter heartily into this year of Christian Education.

The Year of Christian Emphasis will be launched at a church-wide dinner on Tuesday, September 20th. Keep this dinner date for your Church.

SUMMER SERVICES

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:00 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 9:55

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

SERMON: "The More Excellent Way"

Special Music: "My God and I"

Miss Donna Leversee, Soloist

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Opening exercises are omitted for the Summer

C.Y.F. — The Young people enjoyed a very nice picnic on their outing at Foster Park last Sunday evening. They had a good attendance.

OUR AREA CONVENTION

Our Area Convention will be held September 25 at West Creighton Church. Two members from each department of the Church Board, 2 from each of our organizations are to go as special representatives to this Convention. The Area Youth Meet will be held simultaneously.

CHI RHO INSTITUTE SEPT. 9 and 10

October will be a great month for First Christian. Beginning with World-Wide Communion Sunday, a carefully planned program will go into operation to help deepen the Spiritual life of the Church. To work in this is a holy task. To assume a part is a sacred responsibility. To face this opportunity of a united witness is a mighty challenge. We shall seek to carry out Christ's command, "Strengthen Thy Brethren." Dare we say, "Too Busy for God?" Living in a world conscious day, we need to ask, "Americal Whiter Bound?"

Remember Morning Worship — 10 A.M.



In the upper right foreground the new Casa de Amistad building at Coronel Oviedo, Paraguay. Here are held the kindergarten, worship and other community activities.

Community Center Programs Spur Paraguay Mission

The new Christian community center at Coronel Oviedo, Paraguay, now serves some 1,200 persons in one way or another, it has been estimated by missionaries located

there. Dedicated September 25, 1954, the center, called *Casa de Amistad* or Friendship House, opened a kindergarten as one of its first features. The kindergarten has already put on two programs to which the townspeople flocked.

Missionaries were first sent to Coronel Oviedo in 1948 to establish a congregation which has since grown to more than 40 members. Though the increase in membership is slow in comparison to some locations, Christians are gaining the appreciation of other local people through patient worship, fellowship and service.

Stationed at Coronel Oviedo are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Allin Sharp and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Rogers.

—News in Brief—

According to the manual for Our Year of Christian Education, there are 3,064 larcenies committed in the United States on a typical day.

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A filmstrip, *As the Twig Is Bent*, is one of several pictures recommended to be seen during Our Year of Christian Education.

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The U. S. Census Bureau is considering a nationwide survey of religious groups for next year.

Mrs. Alice Buckner Closes Service as Home Missions Leader

Mrs. Alice Gadd Buckner, since 1948 head of United Christian Missionary Society institutional missions, retired on June 30 for reasons of health. While with the United Society, she has administered Yakima Indian Christian Mission at White Swan, Wash.; Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Ky.; Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, Texas; Tougaloo Southern Christian College, Tougaloo, Miss.; All Peoples Christian Church and Community Center, Los Angeles; Mount Beulah Christian Center, Edwards, Miss.; and Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas.

Among notable gains made during the service of Mrs. Buckner have been appointment of local boards to advise each institution and making Jarvis Christian College one of two centers in the nation for the multi-million dollar Fundamental Education development.



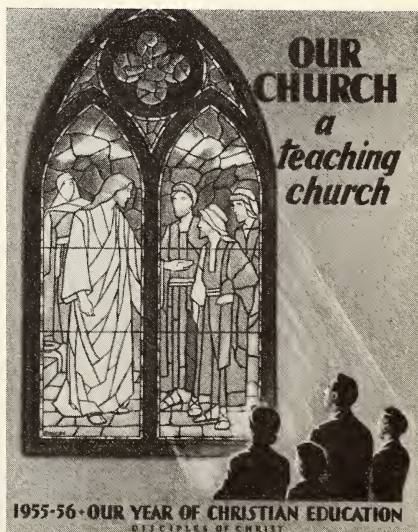
MRS. CLARK BUCKNER

A native of Minnesota, Mrs. Buckner is now at Palmyra, Mo., where her husband, Dr. Clark Buckner, recently became Christian Church pastor.

The Teaching Church

For Christian churches, 1955-56 is *Our Year of Christian Education* for the purpose of highlighting religious training. A hope of Christian educators is that churches will be able to develop their church schools and thereby also increase the number of persons receiving Christian instruction.

With public schools and too many homes not teaching Christian ideals, education conducted by church congregations is having to assume major responsibility.



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We can help further spiritual growth of church members by challenging each member to develop Holy Habits in the spiritual life.

A great effort will be made during the Fourteen Weeks of Devotion to bring a fresh and enlivened stream of Christ's spirit into the ongoing of each member in the church. Doing the things that Christians ought to do will bring refreshing attitudes of co-operation and brotherly love.

Individual prayer, family prayer will help create the spiritual atmosphere so necessary to deepening spiritual experience and living.

November 19 we shall be 84 years old as a Church and will enter into our 85th year. Plans are underway to make our 85th Birthday a great occasion.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mrs. Roger Symms, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Stigers, Machael Stigers, Mr. & Mrs. Ben G. Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Tharp, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. B. Tharp, Mrs. Maude Thurman, Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Timbrook, Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Tracey, Mr. & Mrs. J. Hugh Tracey, Steven Tracey, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey, Miss Carole Truby, Mr. & Mrs. Paul E. Truby, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Uhl, Mr. & Mrs. David S. Vesey, Mrs. Flora Virts, Mr. Claude Warner, Mr. & Mrs. Verlin J. Warnock, George Weatherford, Doyle Whitten, Mrs. Ollie Wiley, Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Mr. & Mrs. Robert orking, Mrs. Roxy Wunderlich, Mr. & Mrs. Paul E. Yentes, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas W. Yoder, Mr. & Mrs. Bret Young, Mr. Delmas Young, Mr. & Mrs. James Young, Mr. & Mrs. Jefferson Young.

OFFERINGS — JULY 24

General Operating Expense	\$ 332.22
Building Fund Account	325.50
Church School Account	20.72

678.44

For July — To date\$3454.49

PUSH THIS OVER \$4000! Some of our members are paying their pledges in advance when going on vacation. **Why not You?**

WEDDING BELLS

Wedding Bells rang for Richard L. Norton and Marjorie Ann Long, June 26th. We wish to congratulate this fine couple. Mr. Norton is a member of this church.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers this Sunday are the gift of Miss Donna Leversee honoring her parents wedding anniversary.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. John S. Craig is a patient in room 315, Parkview Memorial Hospital.
Mrs. Helene Rodda, our Nurse, is a patient in room 379, St. Joseph's Hospital.
Mrs. Wm. J. Tucker is a patient in Room 679 St. Joseph Hospital.

CO-CHAIRMAN COUPLE FOR AUGUST

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harman

Women's Hospitality Commission for August—Mrs. William Caldwell

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

August 7, Harold W. Crowder, Gail J. Roe; August 14, Floyd E. Morrical, E. R. Baker
August 21, Glenn R. Miller, Wilbur Whinery; August 28, Cecil Rice, Eural G. Rose.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Captain Herbert C. Banet, H-50432, Marvin L. Crouse, Donald E. Coffman, Chester L. Follis, Howard J. Howell, E. T. Fusselman, J. J. McCarel, C. Hendirckson, Jim N. Griffin, John C. Cole, William E. Olsen, M A Bollinger, Harley R. Meadows.

Deaconess for August—Mrs. Wm. R. Love

PASTOR'S COMMITTEE FOR AUGUST

Mr. Verlin J. Warnock, Mr. Robert N. Hendricks

FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

This is the last issue of the Tidings for the Summer. Next issue September 2nd.

REMEMBER — SUMMER WORSHIP — 10:00 A.M.



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"THE FAMILY CHURCH"

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SUNDAY IS LABOR DAY SUNDAY

One of the choice treasures of First Christian Church is the depth and reality of our experience of Worship in the Sanctuary. Numbers come early that they may meditate and pray before the Service begins. Here one may experience a freedom not commonly mentioned, a freedom from self, a freedom to learn what to do with the self we possess.

Vacations over, it will be good to be in worship together. A number of our youth will be going to College. It will do them good to be in Church Sunday. All our youth will be entering school in Fort Wayne this week.

For all of us, Labor Day Sunday affords us an opportunity to appraise our work and our life as Christians. Be in Church this Sunday. If you, a shut-in, cannot come, have grape juice and wafer handy and join us over the air in the celebration of "The Lord's Supper", which will be from 11 o'clock until Noon this Sunday over W.A.N.E.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:45 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:40 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Miss Helen Flaig, Director of Music

Sermon: "Destiny"

Special Music, Selected

Anthem: "My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

Be in your classes this Sunday.

C.Y.F. HIGH SCHOOL GROUP

Our High School young people attended a retreat at Lake Barbee Camp last Wednesday and Thursday, at this time they made plans and set up the Youth Program for the coming 6 months. A large group were able to attend with Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Baughman, Mrs. F. E. Morrical, adult leaders, and Mrs. Herbert Lehman, and Mrs. Russell Mikeworth. Little Miss Ann Morrical also attended.

REMEMBER MORNING WORSHIP 10:45 A.M. DURING SEPTEMBER

SERVICES TO BE BROADCAST OVER W.A.N.E.



American youth attending Christian camps and conferences take part in a world-wide program of Christian churches. The campfire program, above, took place in Japan.

Hazel Green Academy Head Given Educational Leave

A leave from duties has been granted by The United Christian Missionary Society to Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Stovall who expect to study at Peabody and Scarritt colleges in Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Stovall is director of Hazel Green Academy, a Christian church mission school at Hazel Green, Ky.

During the interim, George E. Breece has been appointed acting director. He and Mrs. Breece, having retired from educational work in Pasadena, Calif., in June, 1954, are giving two years of service to the program of the academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Stovall will resume their duties at Hazel Green on June 1, 1956.

Hazel Green Academy is this year observing 75 years of educational and community welfare service to the people of mountainous eastern Kentucky. The occasion has been noted in the graduation of the senior class of 1955, other community-wide activities and a pageant presented early in August.

Awarded for News Coverage

The National Religious Publicity Council has presented Awards of Merit to the Evanston (Ill.) *Review*, the Milwaukee (Wis.) *Journal*, the Cincinnati (Ohio) *Times-Star*, and *Newsweek* magazine. The awards were given for coverage of religious affairs and made at the NRPC convention in New York City.

Church Men Keep Busy

The Men's Class of First Christian Church, Caldwell, Ida., has held its annual banquet for ladies and girls of the church. The men cooked and served the dinner.

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Iowa Christian churches have organized Christian Men's Fellowships at Altoona, Corning and Bloomfield.

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The new CMF at Calumet, Okla., plans to install a loudspeaker in the church belfry to play recorded and organ music.

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Church men of Gas City, Ind., provided materials and labor to roof a new dormitory cabin at Barbee Camp owned by Indiana Christian churches.

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A men's group of Cedar Grove Church, Shreveport, La., has pledged \$245 toward enlarging the Sunday school building.

Christian Churches Will Take Part in National Welfare Conference

The Disciples of Christ have been invited to send as many as 92 persons to a National Conference on the Churches and Social Welfare to be held Nov. 1-4 in Cleveland, Ohio. This meeting is the first of its kind to be held on a nationwide level, and the delegates will probe into the whole area of social concerns for Christian action.

Sponsoring the conference is the National Council of Churches, and securing persons to represent Christian churches is Barton Hunter, social welfare executive of The United Christian Missionary Society. Delegates are being chosen by the UCMS home missions division, the National Benevolent Association, the Pension Fund and the International Convention.

In the Face of Jeopardy

From Southeast Asia comes an authentic, documented motion picture, *In the Face of Jeopardy*, which is about the present struggle between Christianity and political terrorists. Filmed in Malaya, the movie centers around American tin miner Doug Crane who lives, travels and works in constant danger. Yet he finds a new social force in the immunity allowed missionary Phil Johnson.

Churches are showing the film in connection with current interests in Christian missions in a revolutionary world.



Traveling in an armored car, tin miner Crane gets clearance past a guard.

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Kay Baughman, Arlene Smell, Marilyn Stigers, Barbara Staley, John Young, Marty Lehman, heads of committee will work with their various members in planning. Martha J. Beck, president, Kay Baughman, vice-pres., Nancy Hill, secretary, Marilyn Stigers, treasurer.

CHI RHO DISTRICT MEET

This Church will be the Host Church for the District Number One Chi Rho Conference to be held September 9 and 10th. The ladies of the Host church will serve the dinner on Friday evening at 6:30 P.M. The Sessions will be held on Friday 6:30 to 9:30 P.M.; Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Workers with Chi Rho are young people, Ministers, Directors of Religious Education, Church School Superintendents and families of young teen-agers from District No. 1 are expected to attend this two-day Conference.

A MORNING SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Plummer, Co-Chairman Couple.
Buford Tharp and Carl Thomas, Pastor's Committee.
Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Hospitality Committee Chairman.

NEW BABIES IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Paula Jane, born to Mr. and Mrs. Olos Fox, July 29, 1955.
Randy David, born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry D. Aker, July 31.
Rebecca Sue, born to Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Munro, August 2.
Congratulations and best wishes to these fine parents.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Those of our folk who have been reported in hospital during August—Arthur Richardson, Parkview; Mrs. Chester Norton, Parkview; Mrs. Olos Fox, Mrs. David Overby, Mrs. Clara Flickinger and Mr. Frank Shambaugh were patients in Lutheran Hospital. Dr. I. W. Ditton was a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

NOTES

Mr. Floyd Morrical received 25 beautiful roses last Friday from co-workers at the Wolf & Dessauer Company, honoring him on 25 years of service with the store. Congratulations, Mr. Morrical.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson entertained with a "going-away party" in Muncie, Indiana, last week. Mr. Thompson has enlisted in the Air Force.

Our Pastor and Mrs. Beck celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last week with an auto trip.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

September 4	Albert Egly, John E. Merrill.
September 11	Charles Fuchshuber, Grayston Cripe.
September 18	David A. Griggs, Dale Parkerson.
September 25	Bertram W. Leversee, Cecil Rice.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Captain, Paul E. Truby, K-1514; J. E. Tracey, T. W. Eddleman, Cecil A. Kinzie, John F. Hechler, Bret R. Young, Wm. E. Tracey, Robert E. Working, Mark H. Crouse, Leon H. Johns, Kenneth V. Lytle, Dr. R. W. Goebel, Everett W. Evans.

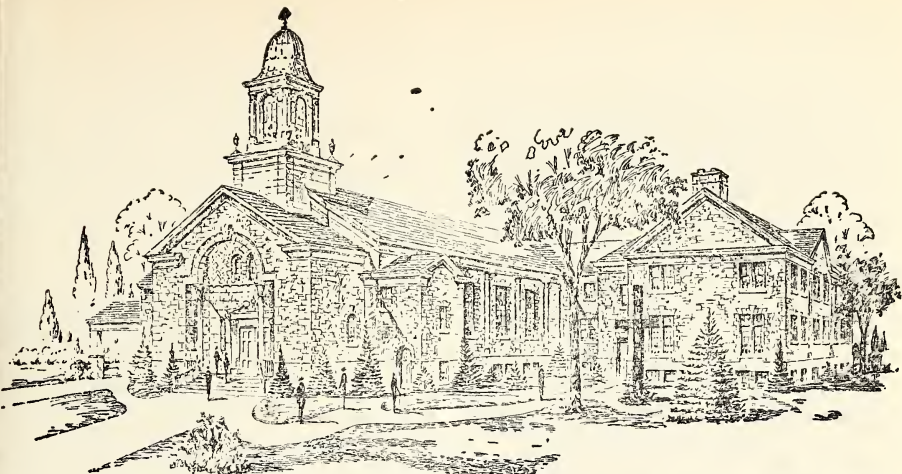
Deaconess for September—Mrs. Glenn R. Miller.

If unable to serve please call your captains.

OFFERINGS FOR AUGUST

General Operating Expense	\$1280.74
Building Fund Account	1946.70
Church School	89.67

Total for August\$3317.11



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TELL GOD

Tell God all that is in your heart, as one unloads one's heart, its pleasures and its pains, to a dear friend. Tell Him your troubles, that He may comfort you; tell Him your joys, that He may sober them; tell Him your longings, that He may purify them; tell Him your dislikes, that He may help you to conquer them; talk to Him of your temptations, that He may shield you from them; show Him the wounds of your heart; that He may heal them; lay bare your indifference to good, your depraved tastes for evil, your instability.

If you thus pour out all your weaknesses, needs, troubles, there will be no lack of what to say. You will never exhaust the subject. It is continually being renewed. People who have no secrets from each other never want subjects of conversation. They do not weigh their words for there is nothing to be held back; neither do they seek for something to say. Blessed are they who attain to such familiar unreserved intercourse with God.

—Selected

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:45 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:40 A.M.

Solo: "The Spirit of God" Neidlinger

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Mrs. L. A. Horn, Soloist

Anthem: "Bow Down Thine Ear" Morgan

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Sermon: "Words Are Not Enough"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M. -- 10:30 A.M.

Classes have extra time for Study period during September.

C.Y.F. HIGH SCHOOL GROUP

C.Y.F. WORKDAY—Saturday, September 10 is Workday for all C.Y.F.'ers. Come at 9:30 in the morning. A pot-luck lunch will be served. See you at 9:30 Saturday. Sunday Evening, September 11, 5:00 P.M. first choir practice of the season. Come and help us get off to a good start.

6:00 P.M. First C.Y.F. meeting at Beck's 308 S. Seminole Circle. We need your help in making plans for our Fall season round-up. Snack lunch will be served.

REMEMBER MORNING WORSHIP 10:45 A.M. DURING SEPTEMBER

SERVICES TO BE BROADCAST OVER W.A.N.E.

—News in Brief—

Asian Christians held a conference at Bangkok, Thailand, early in 1955 to discuss the use of religious films and broadcasting. Delegates attended from nine countries.

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The Pension Fund of Disciples of Christ reports 4,575 members in 1955 as compared with 2,474 in 1944. The fund paid beneficiaries a total of \$725,096.85 in 1955, showing an impressive gain over the amount of \$259,387.74 paid in 1944.

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Two United Nations Seminars will be sponsored for Disciples of Christ in 1955 by the department of social welfare of the United Society. Dates, are Nov. 7-10 and Nov. 28-Dec. 1.



Ismael and Israel, two boys at Mountain of Light Farm, Mission rural center near Pabellon, Mexico, carry water to seedlings. They are among a group being trained by Disciples of Christ missionaries as rural evangelists and farm demonstrators.

Precious water for the parched land of central Mexico is being pumped now from the well, a Capital for Kingdom Building project at Mountain of Light Farm.



Missionary Cited by Alma Mater

Mrs. H. Gray Russell, missionary to the Belgian Congo and a graduate of Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va., was honored by the



MRS. RUSSELL

school's alumni association in April. Mrs. Russell was one of four graduates to receive the annual Thomas Gibson Hobbs Memorial Award "for service and constructive contributions to human welfare."

Mr. Russell received the award in a previous year. They are among 30 alumni to be cited in this way since the award was established in 1948. The Russells have served in the Congo since 1924.

Brotherhood Changes Revealed in Fact Book

Significant changes in the life and population of the nation and ways in which they are affecting the churches of Disciples of Christ are set forth in a new book, *Facts About Our Churches and a Changing America*. The book has been prepared by Dale Medearis, national director of town and country church, and F. E. Rector, Butler University School of Religion professor, Indianapolis, Ind.

While the brotherhood gained 179,777 members between 1940 and 1950, it suffered a net loss of 90 churches. In that decade, cities gained 299 Disciple churches, rural areas lost 389 churches and the Dis-

ciples of Christ membership grew at a lesser rate than the total U.S. population. These and other facts revealed in the book are expected to guide brotherhood planning for future church programs.

Samuel Kincheloe Named President Of Church College

Samuel C. Kincheloe, well-known Disciple minister and for many years a professor at the University



Samuel C. Kincheloe leads study of urban church work at Butler School of Religion.

of Chicago, was recently named president of Tougaloo Southern Christian College. The school for Negroes is jointly sponsored by the Congregational Christian Churches and Disciples of Christ. Dr. Kincheloe will assume his duties in the fall of 1955.

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MEN'S FORUM

5 to 7 P.M.

Rev. Clyde Adams, pastor Union Baptist Church, who has just returned from a trip through Europe and the Near East will be the guest speaker. Rev. Adams, a Negro of unusual ability and training is especially learned in the field of Race Relations, will bring his interpretation of conditions which he has seen from this point of view. John Baughman will preside. A good supper is promised. Every man who can is urged to be present.

YEAR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 1955-56

This year of Christian Education will be launched in the First Christian Church at a Church-wide carry-in dinner on **September 20 at 6:30 P.M.** This program is being carefully prepared and will be of real interest to every member of the church. Please hold this date on your calendar for the church.

OUR FOLKS WHO ARE ILL

Mrs. John J. Menke is a patient in Room 671, St. Joseph's Hospital, having undergone surgery.

Mrs. Fred Moore is a patient in Room 300, St. Joseph's Hospital.

John Lehman is a patient, Room 418, Lutheran Hospital.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The McGavran Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 13 at 1:30 P.M. with Mrs. David McCrosky, 4620 Lafayette Esplanade.

The Higdon Circle will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington Court, on Monday evening, September 12 at 7:45 P.M. Devotions by Mrs. Wm. Tracey, Program by Mrs. Ernest Kattas.

The Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, 6502 So. Calhoun St. on Tuesday, September 13th.

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. Robert Rayl, 5109 Fernwood Dr. Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 P.M.

The Fellowship Guild will meet with Mrs. Wm. Conrad, 1301 Lynn Ave. Monday evening, September 12 at 8:00.

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Carter D. Palmer, 2526 No. Wells St. Monday, September 12 at 6:30 for a covered dish supper. Devotions and study will follow.

Y-CHURCH SOFTBALL

Well, the Softball Season is over, and although we didn't win too many games everyone got to play ball. Our record was three won and eleven lost. I would like to thank all the following players for their fine support and to say, "We will get them next year." Nick Kean, Dick Norton, Dale Hiler, Clark Hiler, Gerald Elser, Bob Neal, Don Neal, Robin Miller, Bob Workman, John Young, Dan Mikeworth, Jack Flaugh, Jack Winkle, Howard Hamilton, Bob Gardner, Bob Curts, Chuck Curts, Dave Wagner, Don Miller. Also, the team expresses their thanks to the Church for their support.

OFFERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 4

Current Operating	\$ 552.50
Building Fund	648.10
Church School	24.41

TOTAL.....\$1225.01

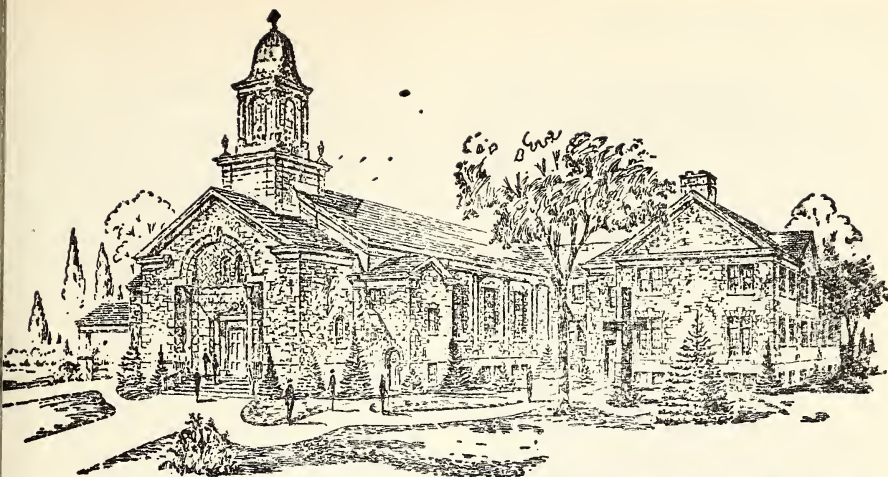
CHI RHO DISTRICT MEET

This Church will be the Host Church for the District Number One Chi Rho Conference to be held September 9 and 10th. The ladies of the Host church will serve the dinner on Friday evening at 6:30 P.M. The Sessions will be held on Friday 6:30 to 9:30 P.M.; Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Workers with Chi Rho age young people, Ministers, Directors of Religious Education, Church School Superintendents and families of young teen-agers from District No. 1 are expected to attend this two-day Conference.

BOY BABY

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griggs, former members, are proud parents of a boy baby. He is named for his uncle, David Griggs.



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Communism has swept over a large part of our world, and is a proven foe of Christianity. Now the two sources of Communistic power is a devoted discipleship and education. Communists are trained by a carefully calculated system of indoctrination and education. A communist can and is willing to speak. He is convinced that Karl Marx as interpreted by Soviet Russia is right.

Now the Early Christians were convinced. They were indoctrinated and educated by our Lord. The word propaganda was a Christian word that meant to propagate the faith. It was because the Christian knew in whom he believed that they were able to subvert the wisdom and sophistication of their day.

First Christian is joining in our Brotherhood Program of a Year of Christian Education, emphasizing the church as a **teaching** church. We are going a step further and introducing the program of developing holy habits, especially will this be emphasized during our Fourteen Weeks of Devotion beginning with the first Sunday in October. Make this truly a year when we shall "study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed."

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:45 A.M.

Organ Prelude: 10:40 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory:

Anthem: "Go Not Far From Me"—Zingarelli
Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Sermon: "When Love Has the Last Word"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

This Sunday each class should endeavor to find out how many will be present at the Church-wide carry-in Education dinner on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 P.M. Our Church School was greatly increased in attendance last Sunday.

C.Y.F.

The C.Y.F. group will meet at 5:00 P.M. for choir practice

At 6 P.M. the group will have a program with movies. A workshop for planning future programs will be a part of the program.

REMEMBER MORNING WORSHIP 10:45 A.M. DURING SEPTEMBER

SERVICES TO BE BROADCAST OVER W.A.N.E.



Educator, Dr. S. S. McWilliams

Missionary Educators To Latin America Retire After 35 Years

Dr. S. S. McWilliams, missionary to Latin America since 1919, retired in June as vice-director and treasurer of Colegio Ward, Buenos Aires, Argentina. A native of Waukeg, Ia., Dr. McWilliams and his wife have been educators throughout their notable missionary service, having gone to Buenos Aires in 1919 to join the school faculty.

From 1926 to 1930, the McWilliamses were temporarily transferred to Aguascalientes and San Luis Potosi, Mexico, to fill a need for teachers. However, they were able then to return to Colegio Ward in Buenos Aires. There Dr. McWilliams associated himself not only with the high school but also

—News in Brief—

The Missionary Research Library in New York City made a census in 1952 revealing that there were 18,576 missionaries from the United States and Canada serving throughout the world. Estimates place the current total just under 20,000.

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A new building is nearing completion for the Hato Nuevo church in Puerto Rico. The congregation has grown so as to make the small chapel totally inadequate.

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In Paraguay, the Barrio Colon church at Asuncion has organized the first laymen's group among Disciples of Christ in the nation.

interdenominational and civic affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams are graduates of Drake University, Des Moines, Ia., and the former College of Missions in Indianapolis. Since joining the Colegio Ward faculty, they have seen the enrollment grow from 160 to 900 students.

American Church Youth To Go to Canada Meet

Assembling in St. Louis, Christian Church young people from throughout the nation will travel by buses to the World Convention of Churches of Christ at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The tour is Aug. 11-25 and will visit church centers in St. Louis, Indianapolis and Ontario as well as take in many vacation activities including Niagara Falls. Mr. Charles C. Mills of the United Christian Missionary Society staff will be in charge.

Christian World Tourist Urges American Aid

Returning from a two-month world tour, Mrs. James D. Wyker, president of the nationwide United Church Women, says American diplomacy could be aided by sending "more diplomats who represent all races." It would help meet criticisms by nations who "doubt our sincerity" for world peace.

Mrs. Wyker, who is a leading Disciples of Christ church woman, also says she found foreign peoples disturbed by American militarism and urged support for foreign aid programs and United Nations projects. Women in many countries, she says, are forming organizations, crusading for fairer laws and entering political and social service.

In Congressional Record

The article that appeared in *Look* magazine last fall on "Who Are the Disciples of Christ?" has been included in the *Congressional Record*. In presenting the article, Congresswoman Mrs. Edith Green of Oregon told the House of Representatives that the Disciples form one of the larger Protestant communions in America and the world.

Convention to Have Area Assemblies in Fall

This fall the International Convention of Disciples of Christ will hold 12 area assemblies throughout North America. The area meets are being held instead of the international assembly because the World Convention is in North America this year.

The game is basketball, but the experience of playing fairly and skillfully is Christian. Recreation and sports are part of the summer youth program at Mexican Christian Institute for building character.



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ALL CHURCH DINNER

September 20, 1955

6:30 P.M.

All Church Dinner marks celebration of Christian Education week. At this time will be launched the Brotherhood-wide 1955-56 emphasis upon "The Church, a teaching church." Goals will be presented — A panel will give a prophecy of the days ahead in our church. A speaker from the United Christian Missionary Society will bring the message. Members are asked to bring a covered dish and table service.

Miss Mable Medze is to be our guest speaker at our All Church dinner on the 20th. She is Director of Leadership Education and Education Administration. She is a graduate of Bethany College and Boston University and College of The Bible.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

EXECUTIVE will meet at 7:10 in the Chapel, Monday evening, September 19. GENERAL meeting will be at 8 P.M. in the Church Parlor. This is our first full meeting of the new year and we shall appreciate a large attendance. Much time is being given toward making this program one of the outstanding ones of the year. The Fellowship Guild is in charge of the program and the subject is, "Indian Americans" The Higdon Circle is in charge of worship; the Esther Circle, hospitality; and the Nelson Circle is in charge of refreshments. Special music arranged-for by the Guild.

NEW BABY IN CHURCH FAMILY

A little son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Neal, born Thursday, September 8th.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Baby Thomas Eddleman had his finger hurt in an accident at his home. He was in hospital for minor surgery.

WE CONTINUE TO GROW

New members are coming in each Sunday. Be sure that you make them feel welcome. We had a great congregation last Sunday. The congregational singing was unusually fine. We appreciate the fine words that have been coming in regarding our services over the air.

OFFERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Current Operating	\$1003.80
Building Fund	1065.10
Church School	55.84

TOTAL TO DATE \$2124.74

OF PRUDENCE IN ACTION

We must not trust every word of others or feeling within ourselves, but cautiously and patiently try the matter, whether it be of God. Unhappily we are so weak that we find it easier to believe and speak evil of others, rather than good. But they that are perfect, do not give ready heed to every news-bearer, for they know man's weakness that it is prone to evil and unstable in words.

This is great wisdom, not to be hasty in action, or stubborn in our own opinions. A part of this wisdom also is not to believe every word we hear, nor to tell others all that we hear, even though we believe it. Take counsel with a man who is wise and of a good conscience; and seek to be instructed by one better than thyself, rather than to follow thine own inventions. A good life maketh a man wise toward God, and giveth him experience in many things. The more humble a man is in himself and the more obedient towards God, the wiser will he be in all things, and the more shall his soul be at peace.

HERE IS SECRET OF HAPPINESS

The old epitaph is still true: "What I gave, I have! what I spent, I had; what I kept, I lost." The essence of generosity is in self-service. We are reminded that "The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, reverence; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity."



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14 WEEKS DEVOTION Begins OCTOBER FIRST

Be in Worship Service Every Sunday is one of the emphasis of 14 Weeks of Devotion. It has been pointed out that "in Spain Protestant churches are not allowed to advertise—not even by a notice on the door saying: Preaching at 10:30 A.M. No cross or symbol is allowed to mark their meeting place. They are utterly dependent upon person to person advertising. Because there is no other way, the Church members are extraordinarily zealous in giving invitations to church. The Spanish Protestant church is said to have doubled in the past twelve years."

When Dr. Joseph Sizoo went to the famous New York Avenue Church in Washington, the congregation had become very small. They stayed small until an informal meeting was called of some of the men of the Church. Each man promised to tell several others during the week about the splendid worship service. In a short time the congregation had doubled.

There is a joy in boosting and advertising your Church, personally — The results can be miraculous. Speak to someone before Sunday about First Christian. Invite them to Worship Service. This is the least—but important—thing you can do. Do it now before Sunday. You will do yourself and another good.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:45 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:40 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory: "Give Me This Day" Peery

High School Choir—Mrs. John Baughman,
Director

Anthem: "Jesu, Word of God incarnate" Mozart
Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Sermon: "What Is the Use?"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

PROMOTION SUNDAY — SEPTEMBER 25

All children should be early. Meet in their class rooms. Awards and certificates will be received.

**REMEMBER MORNING WORSHIP 10:45 A.M. DURING SEPTEMBER
SERVICES TO BE BROADCAST OVER W.A.N.E.**

Business Courtesies Lead Japanese Banker To Become a Christian

Soon after missionaries Ralph and Maxine Palmer arrived in Akita, Japan, a local bank official, Ezio Oda, called to solicit their business. As a public relations gesture, he did many kind things for them.

In turn, the Palmers invited the banker and his family to church.

Although courtesy may have prompted the Odas to attend the first time, they were never absent after that, and today they are ardent Christians. Mr. Oda, as he travels from town to town on business, distributes Christian tracts as well. Mrs. Oda is on the local church service committee and has already steered the congregation to persons in need. The two Oda sons are forthright in telling their schoolmates and other friends about Jesus and urging them to become Christians.

Churches Trade Their Ministers and Choirs

Fourteen Christian churches exchanged ministers and choirs on Race Relations Sunday, Feb. 13, according to an early tabulation of 136 churches reporting. Information on the various observances by brotherhood churches is being correlated by Lewis H. Deer of The United Christian Missionary Society.

Delayed Pilgrims Wait

Ten years after World War II, many homeless persons in Europe face more years in congested refugee camps unless American Christians help settle them in the United States. The United Christian Missionary Society, acting for Christian churches, is trying to get job assurances and housing for 500 displaced persons before a law admitting them ends in 16 months. In a year so far, sponsors have been found for about 50, says Miss Ella Williams, UCMS representative.

In Japan, many parents who are not Christian nevertheless urge their children to go to Sunday school. Bibles in hand, these earnest students enter Takinogawa church in Tokyo.



Eager to get to camp, boys at All Peoples Community Center and Church hustle their baggage aboard trucks. This summer more than 100 boys will probably attend. The camp is made possible by support of the church school and interested Christian Women's Fellowship and civic clubs.



All Peoples Center Is Ready for Summer Again

The Rev. Bernard E. "Ernie" O'Donnell has joined the staff of All Peoples Community Center in Los Angeles for the summer. He will help supervise the expanded program for children and youth that the center carries on during the school vacation months.

The summer activities are just getting underway and include supervised playgrounds, arts and crafts, intramural sports, baseball league teams, dramatics, a Daily Vacation Bible School, Chris-

tian youth camps and conferences, clubs and many other features. Mr. O'Donnell will also direct two community service work camps composed of youth volunteers from throughout the nation.

Coming from Tucson, Arizona, Mr. O'Donnell is a graduate of Chapman College, Orange, Calif., and divinity school of the University of Chicago.

Sunday School Movies Increase Learning Says Two-Year Research

The child who watches religious motion pictures in Sunday school is better informed than the one who must rely for knowledge solely upon the teacher and printed material. This conclusion has been reached by two years of research in communications by the National Council of Churches and Yale Divinity School.

Class discipline in Sunday schools improved greatly with the use of films, the research concluded, adding however that they are being shown as entertainment mostly rather than integrated into teaching programs.

—News in Brief—

The National Christian Council in Japan dedicated its new audio-visual center building in January. Disciple missionary Vern Rossman is a member of the production staff.

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The International Convention of Disciples of Christ has announced 12 area assemblies to be held this fall throughout the United States.

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The first Sunday school was founded in 1780 by Robert Raikes in England.

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C.Y.F.

The C.Y.F. will meet at 5 P.M. for choir rehearsal. Mrs. John Baughman, director. **C.Y.F. FALL ROUND-UP** scheduled for October, will high-light the year's work. All High School Young People are expected to share in this unique program to be given in a "Western" setting.

CHURCH SOFT BALL A SATUTE!

Added laurels were awarded to the softball team this week, when the Sportsmanship Trophy was WON BY OUR PLAYERS. I considered it more of an honor to win than all other trophies in the Y Church League. Again, thanks to all the players by whose efforts and conduct this Award was won. The trophy will be seen in the Fellowship Room along side the other trophy won by the Players some years back.

—Don Miller.

OCTOBER 9 -- 16th

Week of Spiritual Mission

Plans are being laid for a great spiritual Mission of Visitation. On October 20th Dr. F. E. Davison of South Bend will speak to an All Church Dinner.

DISTRICT CONVENTION — September 25th

West Creighton Avenue Christian Church

Several from First Christian will participate—John Baughman, our director of Christian Education; Maxwell P. Smith, Jr., Robert E. Cocherille, our Sanctuary and our Junior choirs, and our pastor.

The registration is \$1.00 which covers the evening meal.

Registration 2:00 - 2:30 P.M.

2:30 P.M. Address by Dr. Ronald Osborn.

3:25 P.M. Functional Department Presentation.

4:20 P.M. Recess.

4:30 P.M. Avenues of Concern.

5:20 P.M. Free time.

5:45 P.M. Evening Meal.

Mrs. R. Q. Adams, Paraguay, So. America.

Robert E. Cocherille.

Glenn L. Tudor, Elkhart.

7:30 P.M. Evening Service.

First Christian Choirs

Devotion—our Pastor, Robert T. Beck.

Address: Dr. Theodore Fisher, Northwood Christian Church, Indianapolis.

Robert Lumis, Ligonier.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Fred Wilson is confined to his home by illness.

Mr. Raymond Jackson is a patient in St. Joseph Hospital, room 309.

Mrs. T. R. Eiler, underwent emergency surgery last week at Parkview. She is improving.

NOTES

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. M. G. Heller's sister-in-law, who made her home in California. She passed away on September 15.

OFFERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Current Offerings	\$1506.90
Building Fund	1505.50
Church School	88.83

TOTAL TO DATE\$3101.23



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Number 51

14 WEEKS DEVOTION — OCTOBER 1st -- DECEMBER 31st
WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

As this World-wide Communion Sunday wings its way from the International date line in the mid-Pacific across Asia, Europe and America, some hours before this day will reach America's West Coast it will have fallen on a grave in the province of Shantung in China. This is the grave of Confucius, the founder of a philosophy and religion that bears his name. Though men still discuss his teachings, Confucius is dead. The same may be said of Buddha, of Mohammed.

But the promise of Christ has a constant fulfillment, "Lo, I am with you always." And this Sunday! What a testimony to the abiding presence and love of Christ.

COME TO CHURCH THIS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Organist

Offertory: "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte

Mrs. L. R. Mote, Soloist

Anthem: "Bless the Lord" Ippolitoff-Ivanoff

Miss Helen Flaig, Director

Preacher: Our Pastor

Sermon: "Making Worship Real"

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:15 A.M.

The Year of Christian Education was launched in a most interesting way. By film strip, by panel discussion, by presentation by Miss Mabel Metze of U.C.M.S. It was vividly shown that the church must be a teaching church. Here's to a great year in our Church School.

C.Y.F.

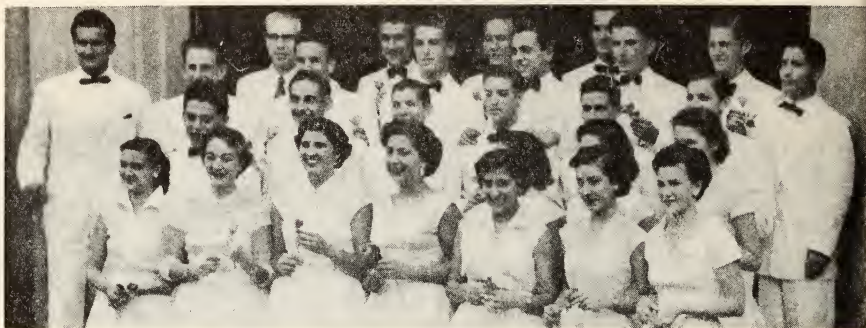
High School Choir practice at 5:00 P.M. Mrs. John Baughman, director. All High School young people are urged to join this choir.

C.Y.F. ROUND-UP

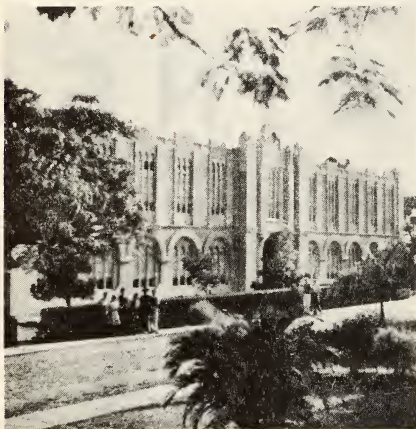
Sunday evening our young people will round-up the High School fellows and girls to launch their 1955-56 program, which includes fun, games, discussion, **worship**. No youth can afford to miss this opening Round-up.

SPIRITUAL MISSION

Final plans are being made for our Mission beginning Sunday, October 9th. Every family is asked to pray for the success of this new program in our Church.



All smiles, these 27 high school seniors, above, prepare for graduation at Colegio Internacional, Christian mission school shown at left in Asuncion, Paraguay.



Colegio Internacional Crowns Anniversary Year With Largest Enrollment

In 35 years, Colegio Internacional, Christian mission school at Asuncion, Paraguay, has grown to be recognized as the outstanding school in the nation. Having enrolled 700 students in both the elementary and high school divisions, the school graduated 27 seniors in the 1954 special anniversary year. The academic year opens the first week of March and ends the last week of November when summer vacation begins.

During the year, students brought many honors to the school. In scholastic standards, it is unsurpassed by any other school in Paraguay, and its girls athletic team won the citywide high school tournament for the third consecutive year. The boys team placed third in its division. On May 14, the entire student body, led by the school color guard and drum corps, took part in the annual Pan American Day ceremonies that are attended by several thousand students at the city plaza.

Missionary Robert B. Lemmon is principal of Colegio Ward.

—News in Brief—

Violent winds in March ripped the roof off of most of the school building at Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Ky. Workmen immediately began replacing the roof with little inconvenience to classroom procedures.

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Central Christian Church, Columbus, Ga., borrowed money to keep up its budget for missions while also carrying the added expense of a building program.

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In March, the United Christian Youth Movement held a National Citizenship Seminar in Washington, D.C., and New York City. Youth of 20 states attended.

Business Women To Go On Summer Missions Tour

Business and professional women of Christian churches will gather in Indianapolis on Aug. 7 for a twenty-day tour of home missions, colleges, historical sites and the World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples) to be held in Toronto, Ontario. The tour will cover six states and the one Canadian province and follow a vacation schedule to include sightseeing and recreation.

The tour will be headed by Miss Katherine Schutze who recently returned from conducting a three-month tour of foreign missions around the world. Reservations are being taken by Miss Schutze at 222 South Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

Disciples Voice Strong Opposition to UMT

Lewis H. Deer told the Congressional House Armed Services Committee on March 1 that the Disciples of Christ oppose universal military training. He read resolutions of six International Conventions which were passed by this most representative and deliberative body of the brotherhood. He also said that the Disciples have felt impelled to send a representative to Washington, D. C., at times to voice the dissent.

The national director of social education and intercultural relations of The United Christian Missionary Society said, "Many of our people would regretfully agree to the idea of conscription in war time as an emergency measure, but are at the same time unalterably opposed to drifting into peacetime conscription programs."

Among the reasons given against any form of UMT are that it is compulsory,

peacetime, universal and is permanent. Also, Mr. Deer brought out, "The Armed forces are even now confessing their failure and their inability in coping with the disintegration of moral life among their recruits." He said, "We fear greatly the continued and growing breakdown of moral and ethical standards of young men drawn into the military."

"A Man Called Peter" Starts Theater Circuit

Theaters throughout the nation are featuring the new Twentieth Century-Fox motion picture "A Man Called Peter." The film portrays the life of Peter Marshall, late chaplain of the U. S. Senate, and has been hailed by Protestant film critics.

The film had its world premiere showing during Easter Week. A preview showing in New York City concluded with the 300 specially invited guests moved to stand for prayer.

Again this summer, Mt. Beulah Christian Center, Edwards, Miss., will be host to Christian youth conferences as last year. Here girls register for dormitory rooms.



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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Ethel Allen, 1320 Jackson Street for carry-in supper Monday evening, October 10th. Devotions and Study will follow the dinner.

The Montgomery Circle will meet with Mrs. Clair Buskirk, R.R. 4, Dalman Tuesday evening, October 4th at 7:30. Mrs. T. D. Eddleman is co-hostess. The group is reminded to bring their baby pictures.

The McGavran Circle will meet with Mrs. Milo Miller, 2133½ S. Lafayette on Tuesday afternoon, October 4th at 1:30 P.M.

The Dye Circle will meet with Mrs. Edw. H. Ashton, 1006 Runnion Ave. Wednesday afternoon, October 5. Co-hostess Mrs. Laura Gildea. Devotions Mrs. E. L. Harris.

The Nelson Circle will meet with Mrs. L. Max Finkhausen, 5027 Decatur Road Wednesday evening, October 5th at 8 o'clock.

The Gish Circle will meet with Mrs. W. W. Bundy, 2605 So. Lafayette St., Tuesday afternoon, October 4 at 1:45 P.M. Mrs. H. M. Flowers will present the program and Mrs Ray Woodhull the devotions.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

- October 2—Gail J. Roe — Harold Crowder
9—Eppie Baker — Floyd Morrical
16—Wilbur Whinery — Glenn R. Miller
23—Eural G. Rose — Cecil Rice
30—John E. Merrill — Albert Egly

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Captain, Delmas Young—A-16500; Hover Stevenson, Powell Rayburn, Rolla Ripple, Kenneth Kern, Leslie Green, Charles Staley, Ralph Richard, Arthur Ly William Caldwell, Wm. P. Vunora.

Mrs. Lowell A. Alkire, Deaconess for October.

Miss Ruby I. Boxell, Chairman, Women's Hospitality Commission, for October

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Lehman, Co-chairman Couple for October.

Pastor's Committee for October—Dr. Frederick O. Mackel, Mr. Ernest Por

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet Tuesday evening, October 4th at 8 P.M.

TOTAL OFFERINGS

		September For Year to Date
Current Offerings	\$1886.65	\$18,759.16
Building Fund	2043.50	18,526.53
Church School	113.66	1,831.86
Total for Month	\$4043.81	For Year\$39,117.55

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Kenneth Edwards was called to Honolulu due to the serious illness son and daughter-in-law, both of whom have been stricken with polio. C prayers go to these fine people. Mrs. Edwards is taking care of the small grand child.

Mr. Donald Wasson underwent surgery at Parkview Hospital, last week.

A new little son, born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Lamb, September 27.

A new little daughter, Emily Jo, was born Friday, September 23, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Weicker.

A new little son was born Sunday, September 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Newell Kean, Jr.

We wish to congratulate these parents and wish them well.

We ask our congregation to pray for the President of the U.S. our government in these days of emergency.







